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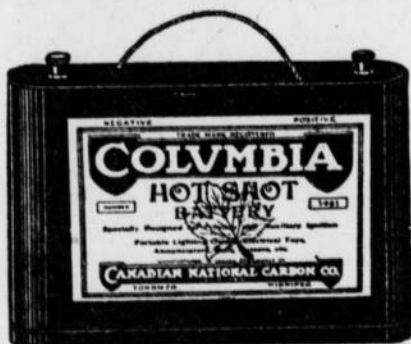
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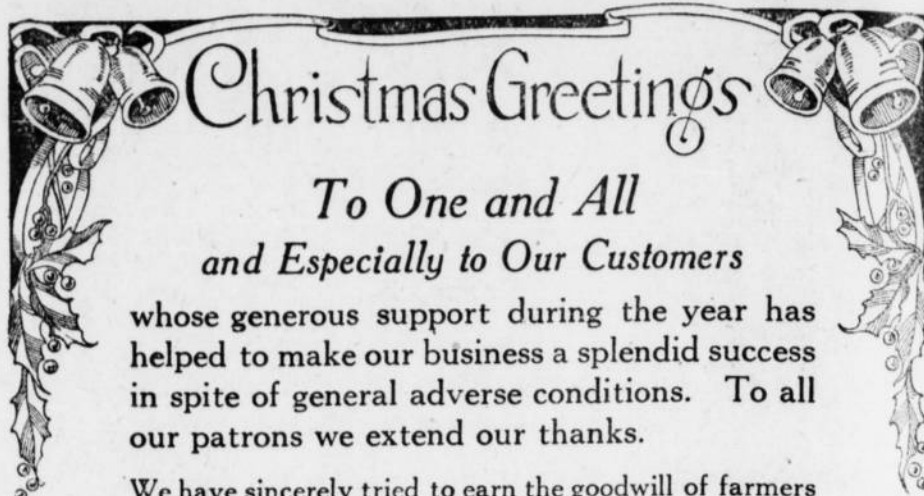
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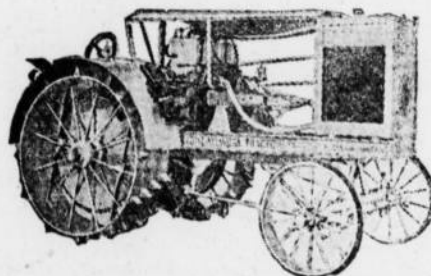
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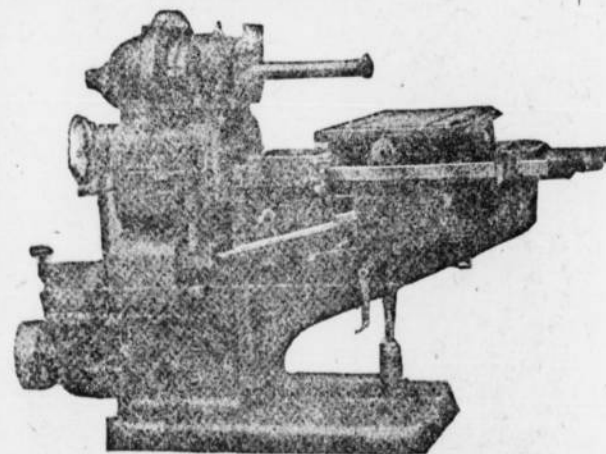
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Council of Agriculture Meets

*Plans Proposed for Funding the Debts of Farmers in Prairie Provinces—
Appointment of Royal Commission to Enquire into Banking Favored*

CONSIDERATION of the wheat board question, plans for funding the debt of the farmers and alleviating the economic distress in the prairie provinces and suggestions for banking reform, were features of the proceedings of the Canadian Council of Agriculture at its meeting in Winnipeg, December 4 to 6, inclusive.

At the preceding meeting of the council, J. W. Ward was appointed acting secretary on the resignation of Norman Lambert. The appointment was made permanent by the council on the recommendation of the executive at the first session of last week's meeting.

Wheat Board

The question of the wheat board was brought before the council in the resolutions passed by the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Company. There was a lengthy discussion, ending in the council reaffirming the resolution which it passed last July and which reads as follows:

"Whereas, legislation has been passed by the federal parliament to provide for the creation of a Canadian Wheat Board,

"And, whereas, concurrent legislation to the same end has been passed by the legislatures of Saskatchewan and Alberta,

"And, whereas, there is every evidence that the farmers of the western provinces are anxious that the wheat board be established;

"Therefore, the Canadian Council of Agriculture, expresses the hope that the provincial and federal authorities by co-operation will establish a workable board and the council also expresses its willingness to assist in making the operations of the board a success."

The council added to this resolution the following clause:

"And the council expresses the hope that the Manitoba legislature at its

forthcoming session will enact legislation similar to that passed by the Alberta and Saskatchewan legislatures in order that the wheat board may be established in ample time to handle the next wheat crop of the three prairie provinces."

Funding Farmers' Debt

A proposal for dealing with the present distressful condition of many farmers in the three prairie provinces by the creation of a corporation for funding the debts was introduced by C. Rice-Jones, general manager of the United Grain Growers Ltd. The council gave considerable attention to the proposal and finally passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the deflation in Canada following the war affected the price of farm products to a much greater degree than other commodities, which, with the financial collapse in Europe and the considerable measure of crop failure in parts of the western provinces for several years past, has placed many farmers in these provinces under a burden of debt which it is generally conceded they have no prospect of liquidating in the near future, with the result that the discouragements thus brought upon them are inducing many to abandon their farms and leave the country, and, it is feared, will induce many more to do likewise,

"And, whereas, it is of the utmost importance that every practical farmer be retained upon his farm, this fact being recognized by the financial and business interests of Canada as well as by our governments who are giving financial aid and co-operation to various agencies for the purpose of bringing immigrants into this country,

"And, whereas, the farmers already here, experienced in the agricultural methods of the country, who are rearing their families as citizens of Canada, constitute a greater asset to the nation than immigrants who may be brought in from other countries,

"And, whereas, this council is of the opinion that if the principle of funding these obligations over a period of years at a low rate of interest can be applied, it will be the means of retaining the vast majority of these people on their farms;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Council of Agriculture appoint a committee to enquire into this question, bring it to the attention of provincial governments and the chief creditors interested, with a view of securing favorable consideration and action."

Bank Reform

Discussion of bank reform was preceded by the introduction of the report of a special committee on banking appointed at the last meeting of the council, the committee consisting of George Bevington, representative of the U.F.A. and the secretary of the council. The discussion ranged from immediate amendments to the present Bank Act to complete reform of the banking system. It was the general opinion that the tendency to centralization and monopolistic control of the banking system which is the marked characteristic of banking development in Canada is dangerous from the standpoint of popular welfare, and that it is extremely desirable to have more light cast upon



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the whole question, and a thorough enquiry made not only into the actual operations of the present system, but into the principles of sound banking reform. The considered opinion of the Council on this subject were embodied in a lengthy resolution which reads:

"Whereas, the centralization of control of the banking power of Canada as evidenced in the decrease in the number of banks in the Dominion—which has declined from thirty-seven in 1902 to

seventeen in 1922—is not in the best interests of the country, since it places the credit and finances necessary for the successful development of the country in the hands of the comparatively few men who form the directorships of these banks, giving them thereby a power, which, however carefully used, may not as a principle be safely entrusted to them.

"And, whereas, the present Bank Act

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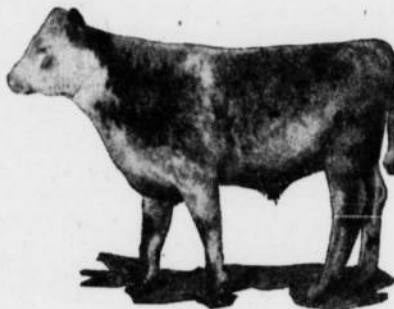
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The committee consists of J. E. Bowstead, assistant professor of animal husbandry, University of Alberta; D. A. MacKenzie, assistant Dominion Markets representative; and J. C. Sherry, a well-known and successful breeder.

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Noted Agricultural Experts Collaborate in Journal's Newest Features

This competition is one of a great many fascinating features in connection with the new Farm and Dairy Section which the Edmonton Journal is starting on December 20th. No other daily newspaper in Western Canada has attempted to provide a Farm and Dairy Section of this type and under conditions that so fully guarantee its value to local farmers. The Section will be prepared in collaboration with a number of agricultural and dairy experts and men who are in daily, intimate touch with market problems and methods. It will be related directly to soil, moisture and crop conditions in Central and Northern Alberta and to the marketing problems of the farmers in that territory alone. It will show, by descriptive articles and the use of photographs, what individual farmers in that area have accomplished, and therefore will be of great value to all other farmers in the district.

NOTE—This competition is open only to the farmers and members of their families actually located on and working at least a quarter-section of land in the Alberta Federal Constituencies of East and West Edmonton, Strathcona, Victoria, Battle River and Red Deer.

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The Woman and the Child

A Christmas Message from Dr. Salem G. Bland

CHRISTMAS is the chief anniversary of the Christian year. It is the supreme festival of the church. The cross is the holiest Christian symbol, but Easter as implied in Christmas, is only the supreme expression of the principles of Christmas. As the oak with its stately trunk, broad-flung branches and innumerable leaves is enfolded in the acorn, and as the wide sky and the countless stars are reflected in the dew-drop, so Christianity with its infinite meaning finds its most perfect expression and embodiment in the festival that commemorates the Incarnation.

And what do we find in Christmas? Just a woman and a child.

The supreme and central event of human history—a new creation—a fresh breaking in of divine forces—and a woman and a child fill the whole picture. How unlike human history hitherto! It is men who have filled the picture, and for the most part men fighting. Scant place for the woman, still scantier for the child! In that melancholy episode of a humiliating chapter that will indelibly stain the record of all the great Christian nations, the flight of the Christian people from Eastern Thrace after its surrender to the Turk, a correspondent noted in the tragic procession, twenty miles in length, of men and women and children, struggling away with such things as they could drive or carry, a peasant trying to cover his wife with a shawl while she, lying in a cart, gave birth to a child. Such has been human history. How little in this mad struggle for territory or honor or profits have men cared for women and children! The woman and the child have been last. They shall be first. That is the deepest interpretation of Christianity. That is the meaning of the greatest of the changes in which we are now involved. That is the goal of human hopes and the standard by which the moral quality of all men and movements, all ideas and ideals, is to be determined. Progress has no moral character except as it means the exaltation of the woman and the child, in that the redemption of the race begins and ends.

The Exaltation of the Woman

Untold ages there have been in which the woman was the chattel of the man; ages in which she was either, or successively, plaything or drudge; always she has been in a relation of subjection and still is economically even among the most enlightened people. She has still, even in English-speaking countries, an inferior status. Nearly nineteen hundred Christmases have come and gone and their message has been very imperfectly caught. Yet patiently, steadfastly the great truth of Christmas shines on—that the woman is superior to the man, that hers is the higher function, and that to her belongs therefore the highest honor. When God would redeem the world a man was not indispensable but a woman was. And still the woman's is the highest part and the diviner task. "Husbands love your wives," was the exhortation of St. Paul when his thought concerning marriage was moving in the highest level he reached, and sometimes it moved on a much lower level, "even as Christ loved the church . . . and the wife see that she reverence her husband." (Eph. v., 23-33.) In the light of Christmas one is tempted to think that a transposition might give more fitting counsel. "And the husband see that he reverence his wife." Certainly some of the noblest of men have loved their wives not as Christ loved the church but as the church loves Christ.

Oh, there are not lacking selfish and silly and frivolous women who make such doctrine seem ridiculous, but motherhood even in the most thoughtless or selfish can scarcely lose its sacredness. It is not strange that some women seem unaware of their high dignity. Even the noblest natures will not develop automatically. Women have not always shown themselves worthy of reverence because there has been so little to make them realize their high calling. It is very difficult for

those who are lightly esteemed to show themselves worthy of esteem. Women have been given an inferior education

For their highest and distinctive services they have been given no pay at all, and where they did the same work as men, a lower pay. In state and (amazing fact) in church they have been treated as of no account. Their very livelihood has been conditioned on their ability to trap and hold a fickle fancy.

But there have always been in every society, however ignorant and ill arranged, some women who did not allow the true greatness and sacredness of women to perish. What the great-ness of

women will be when this education and environment favor their development, as they have tended to stunt and warp it, we have all known some women who help us to imagine.

It was quite to be expected, too, that in the revolt from the semi-servile status some women would carry the new-found freedom to excess. Nothing is more intoxicating. There is a type of woman who seems to be bent on proving that she is just an inferior sort of man, for as a man, inferior she necessarily is. There are mothers today who do not seem to know how deep in the heart of a man (so deep, I admit, that sometimes the man hardly knows of it) is the craving for woman worship. And so it follows that sometimes their daughters are equally ignorant. There has been, especially of late, in the dress and manners and amusements of the young people of this continent much that does not suggest nor foster reverence for woman. Some women do not realize how easy it is to pull a man's thought of a woman from a high to a low level. It must be that they do not understand how cheap and insecure is such a conquest, and how soul-withering are the hot winds of that lower level.

But these extravagances are not to be regarded too seriously. They belong to the inexperience and confusion and experimentation of a new era. Already the sober re-action is setting in. The woman of the new age will be reared as a princess. She will be trained for motherhood. It will be recognized that it is infinitely more important that the girls receive the richest and fullest development, physical, mental, spiritual, than the boys. She will be educated, at least from 12 to 20, in girls' schools, and in such a way that the divinely or-

dained difference between the sexes shall be accentuated, not subdued. The clumsy and stupid arrangements by which today men and women find themselves so often competitors will pass away with many other unnatural relations into which the race has blindly stumbled. Competition between a man and a woman in the home is not more unnatural than in everything else. There is only one law for men and women—co-operation, each contributing something the other cannot. The woman of the new age will not need to steal some man's job. She will be kept sufficiently busy with her



own. Right up and down our whole

life, in every realm of activity, commercial, industrial, professional, artistic, literary, it will be found there are some things men can do better than women and some things women can do better than men. All antagonism is hateful, but surely antagonism between men and women is the most hateful of all.

Women, then, will have their own work. They will marry when they freely prefer to. They will be under no degrading compulsion to marry from economic necessity, for whether married or unmarried they will enjoy full economic independence. The wife will be as independent economically as the professional housekeeper. The exceptional woman who prefers a career to marriage will be neither pitied nor envied, and perhaps the incompatibility between marriage and a career, which Mr. Hutchinson is so determined to enforce in his rather melodramatic story, *This Freedom*, will not be found to be so insuperable and tragical as he thinks. But motherhood and homemaking will be discovered as the highest and richest of all vocations, calling for the fullest human culture.

One is awed when one thinks how all the highest hopes of the race were once concentrated in a woman who held a babe in her arms. Still and always it is the woman clasping the babe who holds the key of the future. "There is a poet in every man," says Robert Louis Stevenson, "but in most of us he dies young." There is a Madonna in every woman, but in some she is only seen in glimpses. But when one looks at the glorious conceptions the great

artists have given us of the blessed mother of our Lord, one sees the woman of the great age that is to be—not a hard, keen, wary, pugnacious rival of man, still less a cringing, fawning sycophant of the stronger animal, not a toy of passion, a plaything for lighter moments, a decoration for a sumptuous home, the most ingenious instrument of domestic comfort, but that great-souled, deep-hearted, protective, fostering being whom it has pleased God to make as the supreme embodiment of His own passion of helpfulness and love.

The Exaltation of The Child

Slowly but surely the woman moves to her kingdom, but only as she clasps the child in her arms. Neither can enter that kingdom without the other. The great society of the future will be organized around the child. Churches will be built and schools conducted and factories run and railroads operated and farms tilled—all for the one supreme end—the rearing of the highest possible sort of children. Jowett, of Balliol, once said, "I should like to see a political economy beginning with the idea, not how to gain the greatest wealth, but how to make the noblest race of men." Doubtless that seems fanciful and unreal to some men to whom a farm or a factory or a bank or dollar bill are most unquestionable realities. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are." (1 Cor. i., 27, 28.)

A mother and her babe, and she a non-English speaking foreigner (to use a term we ought to discard)—what are they against a great railway corporation! But the time is not far distant when every one will see that there is no sacredness in property, however vast, except as it ministers to human life and pre-eminently to the life of the mother and the child.

One hundred years ago in England parishes sold orphans and pauper children to the factories where they were bound to the loom for fifteen hours a day and kept awake by the overlookers' lash. In the mines children of both sexes worked together, half naked, often for sixteen hours a day. Women and children of six years drew coal along passages so low that they crawled on all fours with a girdle passing around their waists fastened by a chain between their legs to the cart. A sub-commissioner in Scotland reported that he found a little girl, six years of age, carrying half a hundred weight, and making regularly fourteen journeys a day, each journey equivalent to climbing to the cross on St. Paul's cathedral.

Shall we measure thankfully the distance we have come in the last century, and not try to realize the farther distance we shall go in the next? The Adolescent Act of Ontario, and probably of other provinces requiring education to the age of sixteen, the medical inspection of all school children now so general in Canada, the public play grounds and supervised play, they are a far remove from the fifteen hours a day at the loom, but they are but the beginning. This world can be made a children's paradise, and we are going to make it such. That means that children will be happy, but it means also that every child will have every help to become a thoughtful, strong, brave, unselfish servant of God.

The message of Christmas, the greatness and worth of the woman and the child! This is the watchword of the new civilization. This is the high, cleansing, inspiring passion of the great revolution that is now going on. To prevail it must first find a church which will give it religious passion and disinterestedness. Then it must find a political organization that will embody it in our laws and institutions.

Around those principles all the good people of Canada eventually will rally. There can be only one issue to the long fight for the mother and the child.

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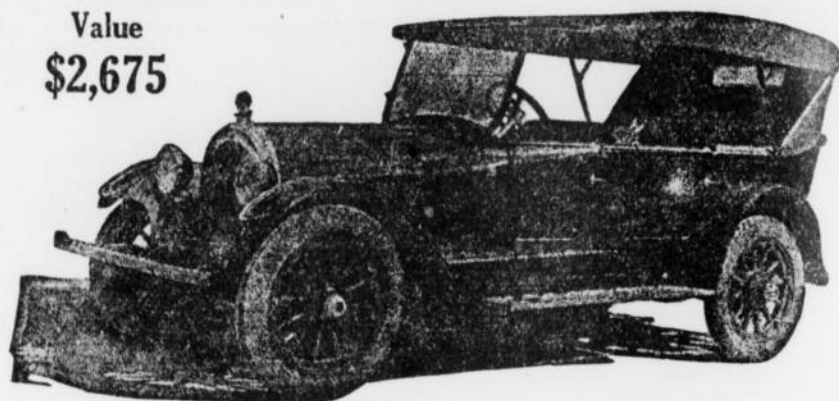
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Prospects for Wheat Board

The Canadian Council of Agriculture, after lengthy consideration of all the angles of the wheat board situation, at its meeting, last week, reaffirmed its resolution of last July, as follows:

Whereas, legislation has been passed by the federal parliament to provide for the creation of a Canadian wheat board,

And, whereas, concurrent legislation to the same end has been passed by the legislatures of Saskatchewan and Alberta,

And, whereas, there is every evidence that the farmers of the western provinces are anxious that the wheat board be established:

Therefore, the Canadian Council of Agriculture expresses the hope that the provincial and federal authorities by co-operation will establish a workable board and the council also expresses its willingness to assist in making the operations of the board a success.

The council added the following clause to the above resolution:

And the Council expresses the hope that the Manitoba legislature at its forthcoming session will enact legislation similar to that passed by the Alberta and Saskatchewan legislatures in order that the wheat board may be established in ample time to handle the next wheat crop of the three prairie provinces.

The wheat board question has proven a difficult one, and it has not been made any less difficult by those journals in this country which are disseminating misinformation for purely political purposes. The Council of Agriculture considered every aspect of the wheat board question and all the information and arguments that have been brought forward by advocates as well as opponents, and finally concluded that the most reasonable prospect of securing a wheat board to handle the 1923 crop lay in accepting the existing legislation. The Manitoba legislature will undoubtedly enact legislation early in the new year similar to that of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The legislative machinery for the wheat board should be complete long before seeding operations commence, and the various governments will then have ample time in which to select the personnel of the board which will administer the act and actually market the crop.

The completion of the legislative machinery and the appointment of the board will decide the wheat marketing system for a period of one year. This, however, should not obscure consideration of the outstanding economic problem of this country, namely, the development of a permanent system of marketing our wheat. The Guide has pointed out in the past that it does not regard the wheat board system, nor in fact any other governmental marketing system, as the best one, nor the one which the farmers of this country will permanently support. The Guide firmly believes in the virtue of co-operative marketing, and we have confidence that the farmers will eventually develop their own co-operative marketing system for the handling of their wheat. While, therefore, the wheat board will come into operation as a temporary expedient to meet prevailing conditions, farmers should be giving careful attention to the larger problem of creating their own co-operative system for the future.

Funding the Farmers' Debt

Of the many questions which possess importance for the people of the West, there is none of such immediate vital importance as the present condition of agriculture in the three prairie provinces. To this question the Canadian Council of Agriculture, at its meeting last week, gave an earnest attention, and the following resolution embodies the result of its deliberations:

Whereas, the deflation in Canada following the war affected the price of farm products to a much greater degree than other commodities, which, with the financial collapse in Europe and the considerable measure of crop failure in parts of the western provinces for several years past, has placed many farmers in those provinces under a burden of debt, which it is generally conceded they have no prospect of liquidating in the near future, with the result that the discouragements thus brought upon them are inducing many to abandon their farms and leave the country, and, it is feared, will induce many more to do likewise.

And, whereas, it is of the utmost importance that every practical farmer be retained upon his farm, this fact being recognized by the financial and business interests of Canada, as well as by our governments who are giving financial aid and co-operation to various agencies for the purpose of bringing immigrants to this country,

And, whereas, the farmers already here, experienced in the agricultural methods of the country, who are rearing their families as citizens of Canada, constitute a greater asset to the nation than immigrants who may be brought in from other countries,

And, whereas, this council is of opinion that if the principle of funding these obligations over a period of years at a low rate of interest can be applied, it will be the means of retaining the vast majority of these people on their farms:

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of Agriculture appoint a committee to enquire into this question, bring it to the attention of provincial governments and the chief creditors interested, with a view of securing favorable consideration and action.

The principle contained in the proposal for meeting the situation is sound economically; the carrying out of the proposal involves details of some intricacy which are not insurmountable but which need the consent and whole-hearted co-operation of all the parties concerned. It means the pooling of debts with repayment over a long term of years on the amortization plan and at a low rate of interest, through a corporation whose assets will be those by which the debts are already secured and against which bonds would be issued to the creditors. Whether or not the plan can be brought into practical operation is a question that cannot be answered until a complete survey of the situation has been made and all the factors taken into consideration. This examination of the situation is beyond the power of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, but the committee appointed by the council will endeavor to have action taken as proposed in the last clause of the resolution.

Sir Henry Thornton's Program

It seems to be the custom nowadays for public men to accept a banquet as the psychological occasion for making important public announcements. If they accept an invitation to a banquet, that is expected from them, and the Montreal Board of Trade was not disappointed in that respect when it tendered a banquet of welcome last week to Sir Henry Thornton, the new president of the Canadian National Railway system.

Sir Henry made it plain that he was quite well aware of what his job was and what was expected of him, and although he has not had the opportunity to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the details of the problem he has undertaken to do his best to solve, he laid emphatic stress upon some things that were antecedently necessary to give him even a chance to make good.

In the National Railways, he said, the Dominion had entered upon "an adventure which has not been conspicuously successful elsewhere," but he "emphatically denied that this forms any reason for failure here, providing certain basic principles are un-

alterably maintained." Sir Henry then went on to point out an important difference between the nationalized system in Canada as compared with other systems. In the older forms of nationalization the railways are run as government departments and their employees are servants of the government. In Canada, although the government is the single shareholder of the railways, it has chosen to have the railways administered as though they were privately owned. The continuance of that system and the elimination of even the possibility of political interference in the administration of the railways he regarded as vital to the achieving of success.

Sir Henry laid his finger on what is undoubtedly the most vulnerable spot in the old ideas of nationalization, and his emphatic insistence upon a strict maintenance of the system adopted in connection with our National Railways should meet with the most hearty approval of the people. Running railways is no part of the business of government, and it is fortunate for the future of public ownership that it is not necessary to mix it up with the old ideas of public operation. We may in the course of time have to introduce changes in the system, and, as a general proposition, it will be found impossible to run publicly-owned concerns exactly as a privately-owned concern is run, but any change which would vitally interfere with the most complete responsibility of those into whose hands the administration of the railways has been entrusted would have disastrous effects upon the railways themselves.

Sir Henry means to make the Canadian National system as efficient as he knows how; he plans to give the best service possible to the country as a whole, and to turn a deaf ear to any clamor that in his judgment would militate against such service; he will do what he thinks is the best from the standpoint of efficient organization, regardless of the clamors of sectionalists who make demands for the securing of local advantage; he believes in a relationship with the employees which is fair, just and humanistic, and would rather prevent a strike than have to explain one; he believes in developing in the patrons of the railway a faith in the system which will make it in a short time the premier system in Canada.

That is an excellent program. It looks well and it promises well, and in his efforts to carry it out Sir Henry will assuredly have the most hearty support, moral and material, of the Canadian people.

Our New Sister State

Seven hundred and fifty years ago an English king took it into his head to add to his kingdom, which stretched from the Tweed to the Pyrenees, the neighboring island of Ireland. The chapter of history commenced by Henry II, with its centuries of fruitless effort to transform a government established by force into a government by consent of the governed, was closed last week by the passage of the Irish Constitutional bill by the British parliament and the formal inauguration of the Irish Free State as a self-governing dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations. A new chapter has been begun not only in Irish history but in the history of this Commonwealth, and it is of no minor significance that in the constitution accepted by the Irish and the British parliaments the opening clause speaks of the Irish Free State as a co-equal member of the community of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations. The old phrase, British Empire, as applied to the self-governing communities,

thus goes also into history, giving place to a conception that is in accord with the democratic ideas upon which these free and sister states are founded.

Very significant also was the attitude of the parties in the British parliament. The bill passed without a division in either House, and yet within the memory of comparatively young men a far less comprehensive measure split and wrecked a great party, led to a political bitterness which invaded even the sphere of personal friendships, and gave a slant to British politics which was as disastrous to the British as to the Irish people. Lord Carson appears to be the sole inheritor of that bitterness. As Napoleon said of the Bourbons, he has learnt nothing and has forgotten nothing. His opposition to the bill was a voice speaking out of a past which his audience would fain forget and which humanity looks back to not without interest but without enthusiasm as a mark upon the path of its own progress.

Ireland will now deal with its own problems. The distraction of government from the outside is removed, but the problems of an economic character with which the British government has attempted to grapple during the last fifty years remain. There is also the problem of Ulster, and whatever Ulster may do politically, economically it is part of Ireland. In the past the development of agriculture and industry in Ireland drew all Ireland's politicians together to work in a common cause. The founding of the Department of Agriculture for Ireland, for example, arose out of the efforts of men of all shades of political opinion; they left their political differences outside the room in which they met to discuss economic problems. They will inevitably do so again, and in these efforts to solve economic problems which affect them both alike there may develop an understanding which in time will bring about the poli-

tical union which will make Ireland a united nation.

Government Hog Grading

Official hog grading, decided upon by a representative convention of all the interests concerned, has now been in force for a month. Grading on the hoof represents an entirely new departure, and its commencement on all Canadian stock yards simultaneously necessitated the employment of an untried system which no reasonable man could expect to be perfect in all its details. Trouble enough has developed which the Dominion Livestock Branch is earnestly striving to overcome. In the meantime the chorus of disapproval threatens to swamp this step towards the securing of the wider markets which the western farmer so badly requires.

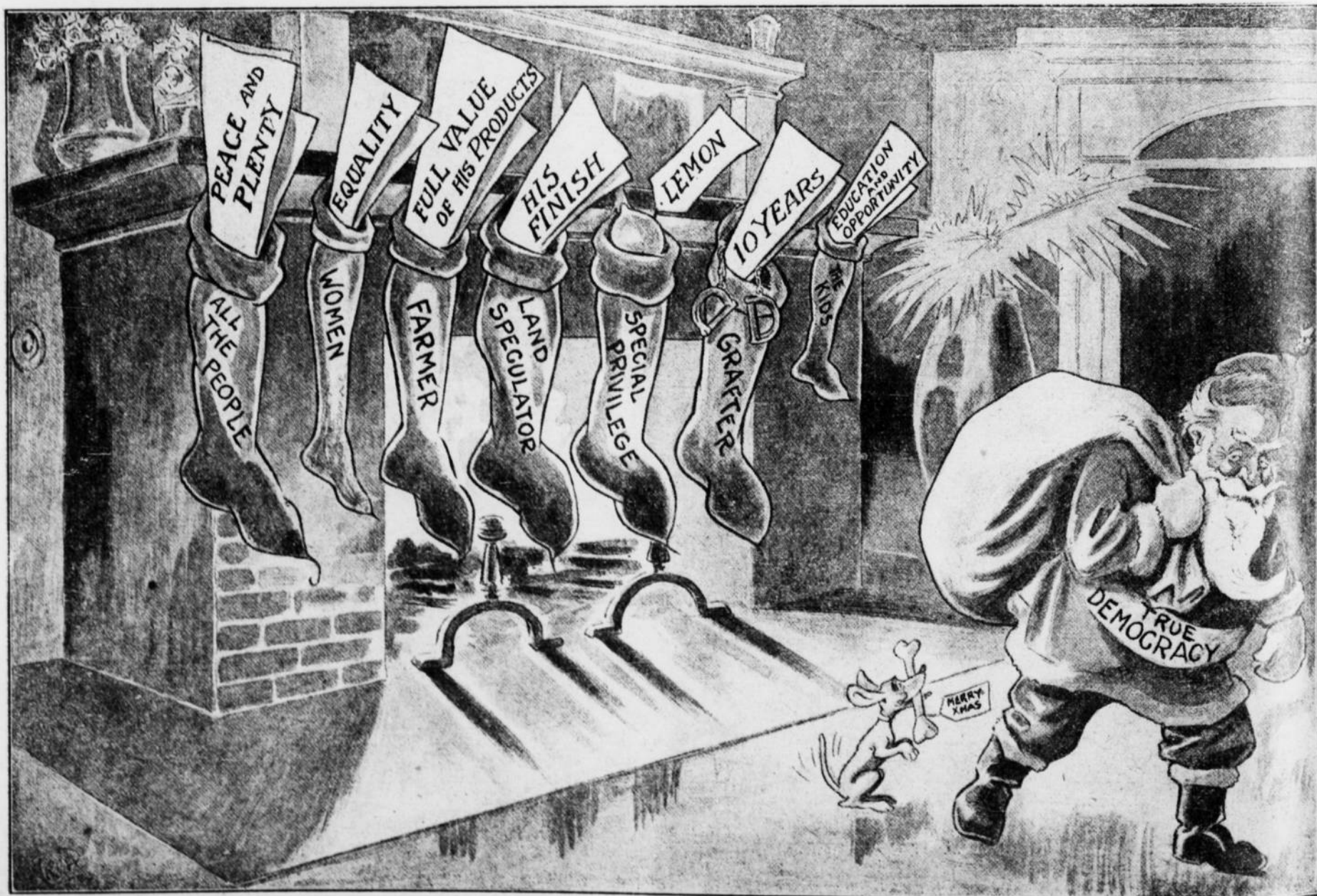
A reform of this kind provokes resentment because it encroaches on privileges and upsets established customs. In this particular case, commission companies find their business a little more closely controlled, and they are not able to dispose of out-grade stuff so advantageously as heretofore. They also anticipate that hog grading will lead to direct shipments, a fear which records thus far do not support. Drovers are opposed to it because they find it almost impossible to buy hogs in the country on the severe grading under which they will have to sell them. Under the loose system of classification in use before November 1, about 90 per cent. of the hogs marketed were called selects. Under the new regulations about 10 per cent. go into that grade. It is easy to talk some hog shippers into the belief that this comes out of their pockets. They are not told that the old price for selects should be compared to the present price for second-grade hogs, and that selects today enjoy a merited premium at the expense of the lowest grades,

which it was not always possible to collect under the old practice. After surveying all the facts, The Guide believes the principle of hog grading—which really means the bonus-ing of the man who produces a superior export article—is essentially sound.

The fairest criticism of official grading is that it does not go far enough. There is a suspicion that the packer is making Wiltshire sides out of hogs which are graded lower than "select" on the hoof.

There is a growing demand for inspection of the finished product. The Danish system devised to overcome precisely the same difficulty works smoothly enough in that country. Every swine raiser has his own number borne on metal ear tags which remain on his animal until it hangs on the rails in the abattoir. Partial payment is made to the shipper at time of delivery. The balance is paid after grading by the government expert. The packer is compelled to market the finished product according to the grade on which final payment to the shipper is made. This procedure dispenses with grading on the hoof, which is rule-of-thumb work compared with carcass grading. It would afford an accurate gauge of the farmer's share of the responsibility for the disrepute into which, according to Dr. Grisdale, Canadian export bacon is falling. The recommendations passed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture on this matter will be strongly supported by all genuinely interested in extending export trade.

In a speech during the Lanark by-election Mr. Meighen made a violent and inexcusable attack upon Sir Henry Thornton, new head of the Canadian National Railways. It is exhibitions of this kind that are convincing even Mr. Meighen's own friends that he never was big enough for the job he covets.



Xmas Morning in Squaredeal Land

A Motto on the Wall

By Hopkins Moorhouse

Author of *The Gauntlet of Alceste*, *Every Man for Himself*, *Deep Furrows*, Etc.

MR. Ambrose Potts clipped a final piece of "time copy" from a New York Sunday edition, tossed the long-bladed editorial scissors on to the desk with a clatter, scribbled a three-column head and jabbed the copy on the hook. Then he shoved up his green eye-shade into his somewhat tousled hair, tilted back in his arm chair with a sigh and indulged in a prodigious stretch of his lanky, powerful frame, finishing it with a wide yawn.

Another night's "trick" over, "thirty" in over the W.A.P. wire and the pressmen in the bowels of the building clamping the last semi-circular stereo into place. The floor was littered with bits of paper; a pin file on the desk was fat with discarded "flimsy," the tissue-paper sheets on which the night's telegraphic news had come in. Out in the city room the two reporters who had not yet gone home lolled and smoked, waiting for the rumble of the presses which would proclaim that another issue of the Winnipeg Morning Sun was on the street. They got leisurely into their overcoats as the boy from the pressroom came clumpingly galloping up the wooden stairs with the first copies.

"Some front page, Amby, old scout!" commented Foster, thrusting a folded paper into his pocket. "The old rag looks pretty good these days since they let you in on the desk. I'll say she does!"

Amby Potts grinned in deprecation as he peeled the red band off a gift cigar. But he was grateful for the word of praise.

"Well, so long. I'm off this morning for the old home town and all that sort of thing—the real home-cooked. Guess I won't be seeing you again; so here's wishing you a Merry Christmas, old man."

"Same to you, Foster. Have a good time," cried Amby, as he shook hands heartily. "Same to you, Elkins!"

When they had gone the grin slowly faded from his face. Christmas! Gosh! Only one more day and it would be Christmas. Time certainly slipped along when a fellow was holding down a busy job. Not that he had forgotten Christmas—far from it. Only—

He crossed his muffler over his chest and put on his overcoat rather despondently. He would have given a good deal for a Christmas holiday like some of the staff were taking; it was the one time of the year which was of all other times a home-going time. He would have gone straight back to Eden Valley. . . .

With a cheerful word to Shorty Craigen, the janitor, he left the Sun building, turned up the collar of his ulster and headed south through the empty streets for Graham Avenue. The snow crunched loudly under his feet in the dead silence of the deserted thoroughfares. It was nearly four o'clock in the morning and just frosty enough to make him step along briskly. The distant call of an early newsboy down at the corner of Main and Portage reached him eerily. The door of a little galvanized-iron all-night lunch-counter opened to let in a customer; a cloud of steam swirled in the doorway for a moment as the door opened and closed.

Straight back to Eden Valley. Yes, sir, you bet he would. He smiled a little at his own mental assertiveness. No place like Eden Valley; one had to go away from a place to fully appreciate it sometimes, and of late Amby Potts had been growing homesick for the unique little southern Manitoba community which had welcomed him at his face value, and where he had made a place for himself in the affections of all "the folks." Unique? None like it—the district that had taken the lead in developing the community idea, where co-operation in all its phases held sway to the benefit of the whole surrounding territory.

Thoughts of them all down there crowded upon him pleasantly as he walked along. Gee! the Christmas bustle that would be going on in the little town! The Eden Valley Co-Operative Store would be crowded and Manager

McNulty pacing his clerks in doing up parcels; even old Pop Dinsley, who still struggled along in opposition to the co-operative store, would have his share of Christmas trade, for the post-office was located in the old-timer's establishment with his daughter, Queenie, as post-mistress. Nick Hopper's poolroom and barber-shop at the Grand Central Hotel would be another busy spot these days. And they would be decorating the Community Hall with evergreens for Christmas week festivities.

A wave of loneliness swept over Amby Potts at the thought of what he was missing this Christmas. It was at the Community Hall that he and Martha Murchison—he felt in his pocket and was comforted by the knowledge that her last letter was still there. Martha had written to him every week—faithfully—since he had come to the city to join the staff of the Winnipeg Sun. That was the hard part—to be separated from Martha at Christmas time; but she could not join him in Winnipeg and leave her father and all the brothers and sisters without a properly cooked Christmas dinner any more than he could get away to enjoy it with them with the managing-editor down sick, and short-staffed as the Sun was just then. Somebody had to stay "on the job."

"On the job"—the thought encouraged him. After all, it was only one Christmas missed and they would make it up afterwards—every year as long as they lived, he and Martha. After their wedding he had gone to live at the Murchison's for a short interval before accepting the opening on the city newspaper. It was all a part of their plan, his and Martha's. He had come into the city for the winter to gain what newspaper experience he could against the coming of spring, when the time would be ripe for the big experiment of which he had so often dreamed—the experiment of establishing a co-operative newspaper in Eden Valley. Oh, they had that all planned out, you bet. It would be great! Then they would have their own home together. Martha was great! None of your pretty dolls but a real wife! Martha had brains, you bet! My god-father! just wait till they got going on that newspaper in Eden Valley! Great!

Meanwhile—"on the job" was his cue. He'd worry through Christmas somehow at the boarding-house. Besides, there was little old Miss Debby's Christmas party—Amby smiled. He had been very lucky in finding Miss Deborah Austin and her boarding-house—quite by accident—Miss Deborah with her funny bobbing ringlets of white hair at each ear, and her bangs frizzed in front in quite an ancient way; Miss Deborah with her fluttering, nervous, work-worn hands, old hands, but hands which had lost none of their cunning in her kitchen. Strange that he should have stumbled across her that way—an old resident of Eden Valley—before Amby's time, of course—even before the co-operative developments. How pathetic had been her eager questions about Eden Valley! How she had drunk in his news! She knew old Matthew Henshaw and his wife, and he had told her all about the remarkable changes on the Henshaw farm, about the old man's quarrel with his son Dave, and how Dave left and came home again. She knew old Major Sol Timmins and Professor Thomas Timmins, his nephew, and the Widow Evans and her daughter, Hattie, and she had laughed till the tears rolled down her withered cheeks at Amby's humorous account of the "King of Sheba's"

visit to Solomon, and how the "Queen of Sheba" had been nearly frozen to death in Solomon's pig-barrel, and afterwards brought back to life by Mrs. Evans, and the merry old row that it had caused.

"Ah, Mr. Potts, it is not good for old folks like Brother and me to sell out and move into the city like we done," she had said sadly. "I sometimes think Brother would have been alive today if we had stayed in Eden Valley. We were farm folks all our lives. Eden Valley was our home always. I long for it so—even yet. Even yet."

And Amby Potts had nodded his head slowly in understanding, his big homely face grown suddenly tender in his sympathy. Poor Miss Debby! If only that scapegrace nephew of hers that she doted on so! Pott's big jaw had set at thought of the nephew and he had hastily changed the subject lest he blurt out things that would only have wounded her.

He sighed now as he turned quietly in at the delapidated walk, treading carefully to avoid tripping over loose icy slats. The rays from the are light on the corner freckled the weather-stained porch with ghostly patterns of bare tree twigs; the porch sagged forlornly from the soiled brick front of the old house. Noiselessly he let himself in with his latchkey, hung his hat on the cheap oak rack and on tip-toe groped along the dark, narrow hall into the dining-room. There he switched on the light, and when he had shut the door leading into the hallway, grunted with satisfaction. Six evenings in every week he went down to his place on the night desk with Miss Debby's lunch in his pocket; six mornings in every week, about four by the watch, he let himself in this way, cautiously, for fear of waking the sleeping boarders. This morning he had managed it with even less noise than usual.

His customary snack was spread out on the table, the butter and preserves carefully covered with inverted saucers and the two raw eggs nestling close to the empty tumbler. It was Miss Debby's idea that he should swallow two raw eggs every morning before he turned in. Laid by her own hens, they were. He really needed them, she declared, after a long hard night grind at the office, and Amby Potts would have tried to swallow an elephant rather than offend the dear old lady, thankful only that it wasn't castor oil or senna tea. Running a tolerant eye over the

several articles, Amby became aware that there was a note propped against the bread plate. He picked it up:

"Mr. Potts—I have aired your room special so please don't raise your window tonight as I have locked it and nailed it down. The reason is Mrs. Coulson was telling me

burglars is in this neighborhood and they broke into the Smallman place last night. Please leave the window shut and greatly oblige.—Yours truly—Deborah Austin."

"Burglars!" breathed Mr. Potts softly. He grinned with appreciation. "Leave my window shut because it's on the ground floor at the front within twenty feet of the sidewalk and lit by electricity from the corner, the very place a burglar would select for entry? Yes, ma'am! And by keeping the window shut the burglar could not possibly get in? Yes, ma'am!"

He chuckled quietly as he cracked the raw eggs on the edge of his plate and broke them into the tumbler, sobering long enough to fish out an elusive flake of shell. Shaking some salt into his left palm, he speculatively eyed the dose in the glass, quickly drew a great breath and held it while he gulped down the contents of the tumbler and licked up the salt. With a sigh of relief he reached for his napkin—the one in the pink celluloid ring was his—and tucking it inside his collar he buttered a slice of bread and uncovered the preserves.

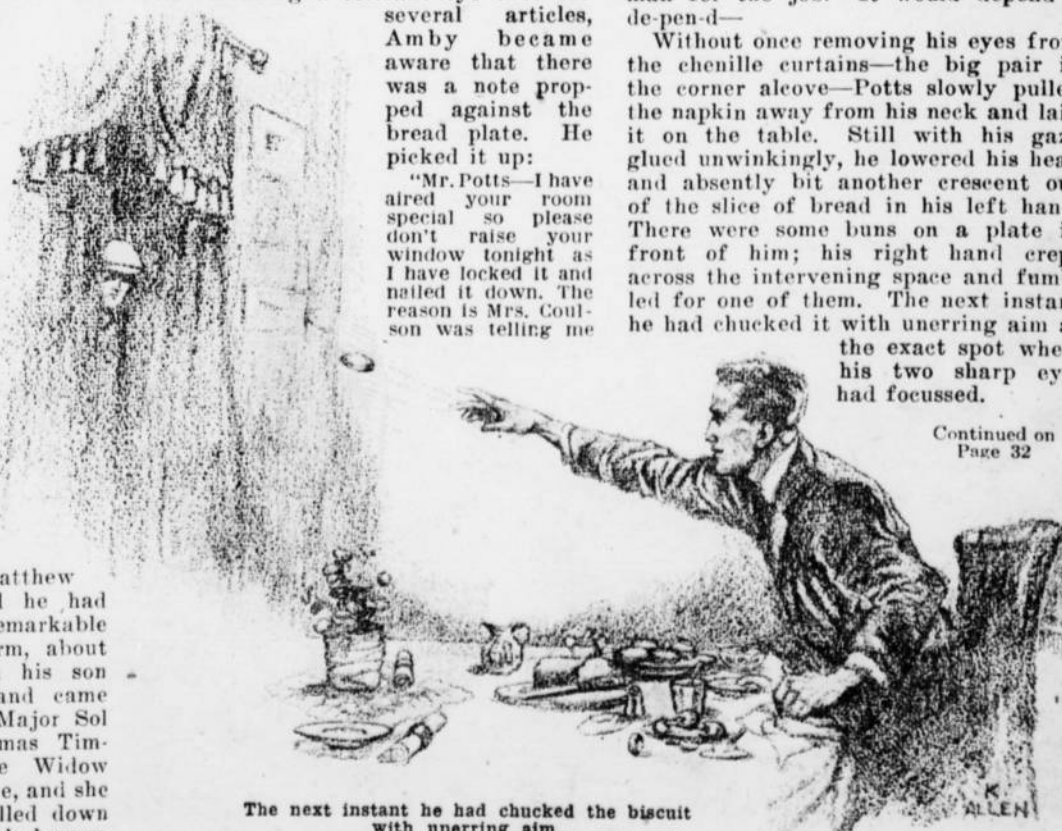
"Burglars!" His eyes twinkled as he munched. He reached into his pocket and took out Martha's letter, shuffling the closely written pages for the paragraph he wished to reread. He had been thinking about it off and on ever since he got the letter—the paragraph in which she referred to his former business of peddling household supplies throughout the Eden Valley district in his old Ford car with the faded blue canvas top. A regular mail-order house-on-wheels it had been.

"I am hearing it from all sides, Amby. Now that the snow has come the outlying farmers particularly are realizing more fully just what a real service you were doing in the community." So wrote Martha. "I have been asked if it would not be possible for you to hire somebody to carry on the business this winter instead of giving it up altogether. And there is another thing; a lot of them want to renew their subscriptions to the Ladies Household Companion, and I am wondering whether it would not be a good thing to appoint somebody to take out the old car again on its rounds. It certainly would pay as everybody wants the delivery service. They miss it dreadfully."

Amby nodded slowly as he slipped the letter back into its envelope and restored it to his pocket. It would be good business to keep up that connection which he had established; but even if he didn't more than break even, there was the service to think of. It would all depend upon getting the right man for the job. It would depend—depend—

Without once removing his eyes from the chenille curtains—the big pair in the corner alcove—Potts slowly pulled the napkin away from his neck and laid it on the table. Still with his gaze glued unwinkingly, he lowered his head and absently bit another crescent out of the slice of bread in his left hand. There were some buns on a plate in front of him; his right hand crept across the intervening space and fumbled for one of them. The next instant he had chucked it with unerring aim at the exact spot where his two sharp eyes had focussed.

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The next instant he had chucked the biscuit with unerring aim.

A Man Who Ma

Success of Northern Manitoba Farmer in Growing Hardy Fruit Gives

A VERY wise man who had learned the lessons of humility and perseverance once said: If you do some one thing better than anyone else, be it only to make a better mouse trap, even though you live in the middle of the trackless wilderness, the world will make a beaten path to your door.

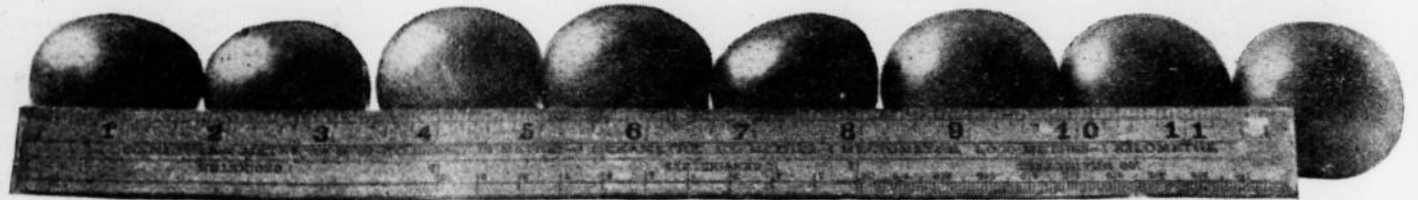
This is the story of a Manitoba farmer who chose a vocation more inspiring than that of devising snares for unwary rodents, but whose striving is being crowned by the recognition in his little world which the philosopher predicted.

At an early age W. J. Boughen gave evidence that he was not destined to follow beaten paths. As a boy in Bowmanville, Ont., the things which he was interested in marked him out from the other lads. He was known as "the Naturalist," for the ways of the flowers and the furry things were an open book to him.

In 1891 Boughen came West, taking up a homestead ten miles north of Dauphin. For a little while the novelty

of the new life and the Dominion regulation which kept him anchored for three years checked his restlessness, but it was not in him to follow the regular pursuits which make up the cycle of the homesteader's year. While his practically-minded neighbors were toiling to clear the brush from their last acres to make way for wheat, this creature of contrarieties was planting trees on his wheat land.

Then came the Klondyke rush in 1898. Gold madness crept into the veins of some of his neighbors. An expedition was planned. They found Boughen readily responsive. This Klondyke expedition shows the nature of this unusual soul at its best, or, as the matter-of-fact people will say, at its worst. The long overland trip from Ashcroft, B.C., was to his companions a tedious hardship, to be endured as a means of arriving at a given destination. To Boughen it was a journey through a material paradise. He commenced collecting horticultural and botanical specimens to enrich his homestead nursery. Soon the collection became a bulky load for a pack-horse. And then occurred the tragedy that wiped out practically the only



Eight Assiniboine plums. An improved native. A sure cropper in Northern Manitoba.

fruits of his exploration. The pack-horse carrying the precious load, along with two others, fell accidentally off a bank into a seething torrent, where the bundle was ripped off by the rocks and irrecoverably lost. But Boughen was doomed to fail as a prospector. Dreamers keep their eyes horizonwards. A successful argonaut should rivet his attention on the ground or on his neighbor.

Rejects Other Form of Mining

After this disastrous expedition, Boughen returned to the Manitoba homestead, there to resume fruit production, which is only now, after half a lifetime, coming to a successful issue. Like all pioneers he has been obliged to weather the good-natured contempt of the multitude. The popular creed in his neighborhood was to grow grain to buy land to grow more grain to buy more land, and when the killing came to retire in comfort. Quite a few managed to get away with that a few years back in the days of rising real estate values, and you can find their relics now, idling

round boardwalk towns and inhospitable cities waiting for the Grim Reaper to end their visible decay.

But since the war we have begun to re-arrange our values. Farmers are not driving six-cylinder cars to town to buy a pound of butter nowadays. For a long time it is going to take more wheat than a man can grow to buy all the things that are necessary to a comfortable living. But there is a way out. We in Western Canada are beginning to learn that it is possible to grow most of the living, and over a number of years we will get enough grain to buy the rest of it. Just how satisfying that living will be depends upon the inclination of our people to accept the inevit-

able and build homes instead of houses, to strive for a rural culture that will breed content in our young people and the unfailing attachment of those in the twilight of life.

This is the vision that Boughen and others saw, and to which they dedicated their lives, content to labor in obscurity until the fever of wheat fortunes should subside. And while the big majority of farmers have been establishing the proof as to what cannot be done grain farming, the foundation for real advance in the direction of permanent home building has been solidly laid. The part that the family cow, the honey bee, the vegetable garden and the poultry yard will play in this development is part of another story. It is my purpose here to relate the startling possibilities in fruit growing, the demonstration of which makes Mr. Boughen's Valley River fruit farm the Mecca of automobilists every autumn Sunday.

Attracted by Wild Plums

The plum was the first fruit to attract Mr. Boughen's attention. Wild Canada plums grew luxuriantly in the light scrub along the river bottoms in the vicinity of his homestead. Many a day in the season when the plums were ripening, when his homestead could have profited by his labor, he was to be found miles away hunting for good specimens. Boughen knew that from the standpoint of eating qualities these plums were superior to the European wild plums from which the varieties of commerce have been developed. All experience went to show that a few generations of hybridization and selection of these Manitoba wild plums would produce varieties that would hold their own on the market with the imported sorts, and that in this process of improvement the native hardiness could be preserved. That was the line of endeavor he set out to follow.

Mr. Boughen has supplemented his own work in improvement by testing every variety produced elsewhere which seemed to have any chance of coming through the Manitoba winter. His nursery, one hundred miles north of the latitude of Winnipeg, and the farthest north on the continent, was an admirable laboratory for this kind of experimentation. Varieties have failed here which thrived further south in the province and in Southern Saskatchewan. His word on hardiness is law among the horticulturists of the western plains.

After many years specialization, Mr. Boughen can claim to have in his possession the widest selection and the greatest number of super-hardy fruits to be found in one place. His supremacy in plums has been demonstrated at the Winnipeg Garden Show, where he won every first prize in 1922, a performance nearly equalled in his two previous years of showing, and in this last year carried off permanently the Canadian Manufacturers' Association cup.

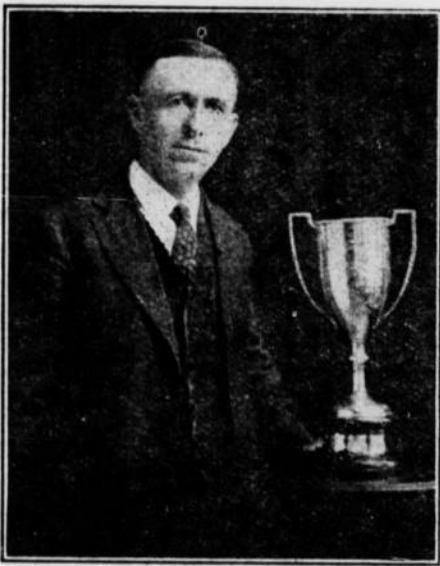
"I can make more money on an acre of plums in Manitoba," said Mr. Boughen, "than from an acre of oranges in California, and that is no guess. For ten successive weeks, beginning the first week in August, the trees in my orchard are loaded in succession." First comes the Opata, followed closely by Stevens, Valley River, Sapa, Aitken, Assiniboine and Mammoth, and then in order Dessert, Compass Cherry, Sansota, and lastly the luscious October Ruby of Mr. Boughen's own breeding. All of these latter are unharmed by the light grain-killing frosts quite prevalent at this time of year.

Farmers who see the fruit harvest at Valley River for the first time are incredulous. The longer they have lived on the prairies, the more certain they are that their senses are not registering correctly in the Boughen orchard. Some of them have tried out the hardiest Ontario and Minnesota varieties, only to have them kill back to the snow line year after year, an experience that makes them positive that no fruit trees can survive temperatures of 50 below zero. Their set opinion gets such a rude shock that they usually come back with witnesses to check up on the accuracy of their previous impressions. The public simply does not know anything about the possibilities that the progress of the last decade has opened up.

The Best Varieties

The Assiniboine never fails to draw admiration. This luscious, lively red plum, girdling 5½ to 5¾ inches, is a true native, as free from sensitive blood as the pedigree of the proudest Redman. Dr. N. E. Hansen, professor of horticulture at the South Dakota Agricultural College, collected some wild plums from Stonewall, Man., and from those came the varieties Assiniboine and Winnipeg.

A variety that shares popularity with the Assiniboine is the Mammoth, a creation of A. P. Stevenson, of Morden, Man.



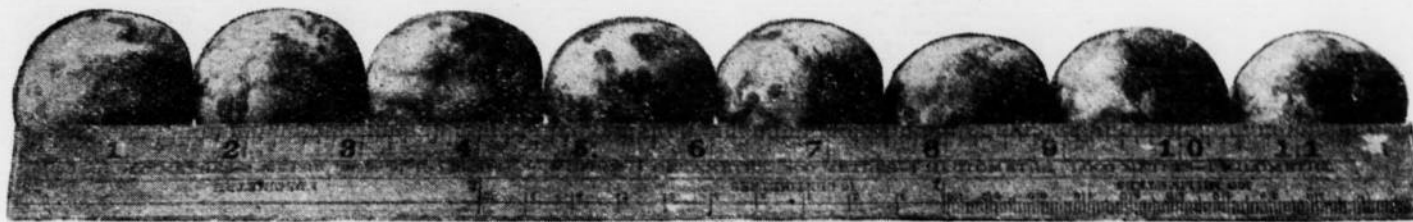
W. J. Boughen and the C.M.A. cup won for the third successive year for the greatest number of prizes for all kinds of fruit at the Winnipeg Garden Show.



Two of the raspberry varieties at the Valley River Nursery. Two rows to right, Miller, very hardy, prolific and good quality. To left, Latham (new Minnesota Fruit Farm production), largest raspberry for the North.

de A Mouse Trap

Indication of the Possibilities of Prairie Horticulture---By P. M. Abel



Eight Mammoth plums. Mr. Boughen planted his first Mammoth tree in 1904 and has never experienced any winter killing.

The Mammoth is not a pure-bred Canadian. Mr. Stevenson had some Cheney plums which were probably pollinated by a strain of wild plums growing nearby, remarkable for the heavy blue bloom of its fruit. A seedling from this cross, the Mammoth, shows the same bloom. From the accompanying illustration it may be seen that it compares very favorably with the first-named variety in size. Mr. Boughen obtained his first Mammoth tree in 1904, and it has never suffered any winter damage. Nor should it, because the Cheney, its other parent, has a history similar to that of the Assiniboine. The Cheney is a seedling from a wild Canada plum (*Prunus nigra*), found near La Crosse, Wisconsin. It is a hardy variety with Mr. Boughen, but he does not value it as highly as the foregoing because of its susceptibility to plum pocket, a fungus disease which affects all the native varieties of plums more or less.

Twenty years ago the Aitkin plum, distributed by the Jewel Nurseries of Minnesota, was rated highest among our hardy plums. It is still a favorite in many parts of Dakota. It is large, mottled when green, later becoming a vivid red, rather wedge shaped at the apex and has a large stone. It makes the fourth variety of improved natives that deserves a place on prairie orchards.

At this point should be described the Sand Cherry, the hardiest of all our stone fruits growing wild as far north as Hudson Bay Junction. It is the scavenger of the plum family, growing on exposed, gravelly ridges, forsaken even by grass. Mr. Boughen believes that these will thrive wherever a willow bush will grow, as that is a performance they can excel in a state of nature. They are not much larger than a marble but bear profusely, and would make a welcome addition in many prairie kitchens where the conception of fruit is an expensive, imported article, rarely seen except when father sells a car load of grain.

Valuable Hybrids

Selection among native varieties is not the only avenue of improvement. Much excellent work is being done by crossing the hardy native varieties on the larger fruited, tender varieties of commerce. The leader in this work has been Dr. Hansen. He has made three crosses which Mr. Boughen has prop-

agated in large number and which he is willing to recommend in Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan. These are the Opata, Sapa and Sansota. The first of these, the Opata, Mr. Boughen describes as the best all-round plum or cherry that we have. It was sent out first in 1908, and is the result of a cross between the Sand Cherry and the Gold Plum, a tender variety originated by the celebrated Luther Burbank, of Santa Rosa, California, and for which \$3,000 was paid when first introduced. The skin of the Opata is thinner than the native varieties and free from acidity. All the Hansen hybrids are smaller than the four improved natives named previously. The Opata is 1 1/2 inches in diameter; dark purplish-red with blue bloom; weight one-half ounce; flesh green, firm; flavor very pleasant, combining the sprightly acid of the Sand Cherry with the rich sweetness of Burbank's famous Gold Plum.

Dr. Hansen has chosen Sioux Indian names for most of his hybrids. Opata in that language means bouquet. Sapa means black. It is the second of Hansen's hybrids that have proven hardy at Valley River. The Sapa is a cross between the hardy sand cherry and a very large purple-fleshed Japanese plum originated by Burbank and named by him Sultan. Once eaten, its deep, wine-colored flesh and juice are never forgotten. Otherwise it resembles the Opata except that the grey mantle which dulls the skin of the Sapa during immaturity passes off when the fruit ripens. Thirty years ago the first sand cherry hybridization brought forth the Compass cherry, a bright red plum of small size, late maturing, a favorite for canning. It has held its popularity against new introductions in Minnesota and Dakota. It is fairly hardy in Manitoba, but James T. Drysdale, who has done some horticultural experimenting at Vegreville, Alta., advises that with him the Compass cherry kills back to the ground every winter. For a long time it was believed that the Compass cherry was a cross by a Minnesota farmer named Knudsen between the sand cherry and the Miner plum, but

Dr. Hansen's experiments have pretty well established that the second parent was the native plum.

A Late-maturing Hybrid

Dr. Hansen has a sand cherry cross with a native plum in which the De Sota, an improved native, was used as the male parent. Although of nearly the same parentage as the Compass cherry, it is much superior in appearance and size, and ought to enjoy wide popularity in Manitoba. In shape and size and flesh it resembles the Opata, but it has a mottled green skin and in taste could not compete with either Sapa or Opata except for the fact that it is coming into its prime when the two better sorts are gone.

So much for the varieties that have stood the test. It should be remembered that this work of breeding fruits for Western Canada is in its infancy. Mr. Boughen has in his nursery many sorts which he wishes to observe a while longer before attaching his recommen-



A plateful of Transcendent crabs, grown in the Dauphin district

dation. Three Hansen hybrids of later vintage than the others, Pembina, Cree and Ojibway, promise to be at least equal to the Opata and the Sapa. Some of his own improved native creations are just about ready for the public, notably the large, sweet, mottled yellow Dessert; the Stevens, a yellow plum which was awarded the prize at Winnipeg for the best wild sort; the Wilson River and Valley River, named after the place of origin, and the Olson, given the patronymic of his life partner.

With such excel-

lent native material as a basis for hybridization and selection, there is every reason to believe that within a comparatively few years stone fruits will be grown profitably in every settled district of the three prairie provinces, and that some varieties will be developed that will capture western city markets for our farmers to the exclusion of varieties brought in from outside. There is no better way than this of ending the long contention of westerners about the justice of a tariff on fruit.

Some Queries Answered

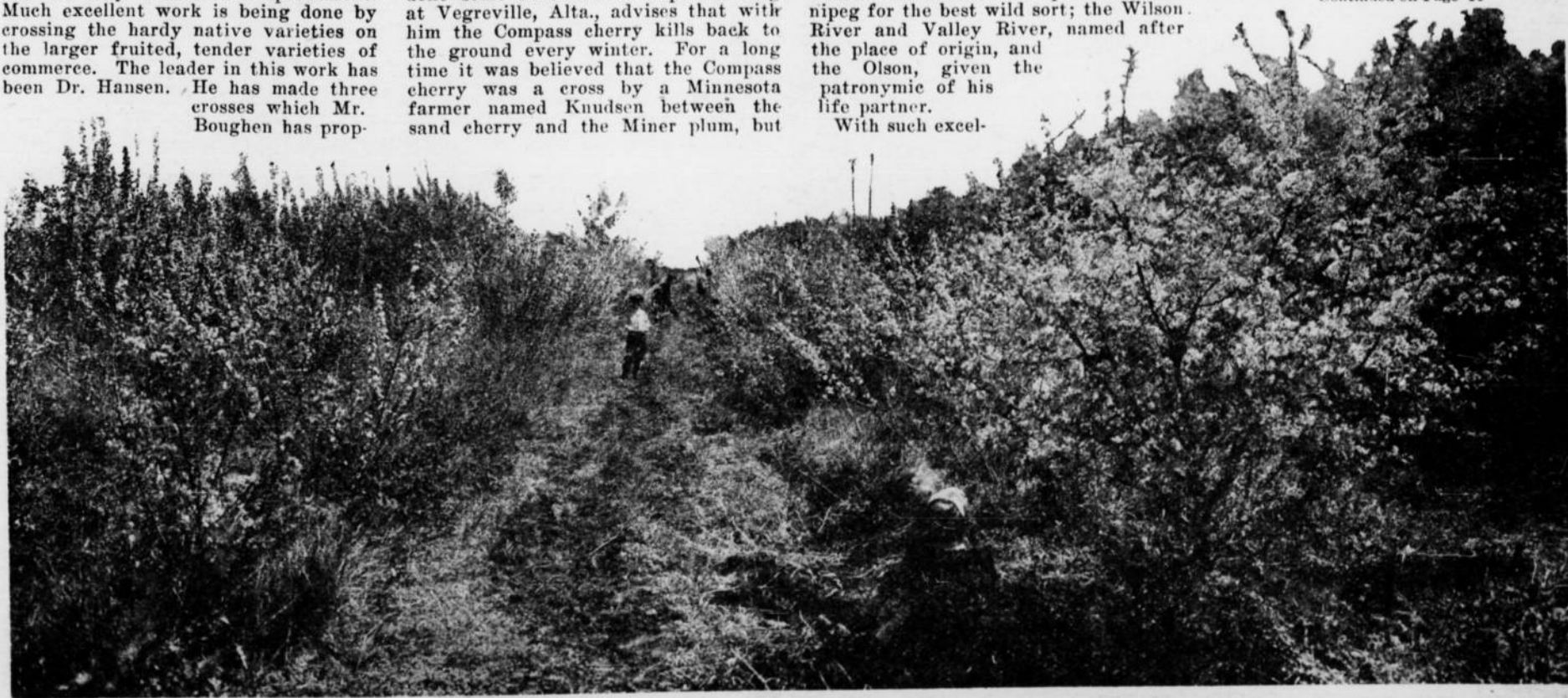
The varieties which have Mr. Boughen's seal of approval warrant any farmer with a windbreak in making a start. There is no great amount of special knowledge required, provided the stock purchased is of the right kind. One cannot be too emphatic about warning prospective buyers against purchasing tender sorts. These provinces have been deluged with all kinds of fruit trees that have not stood up against our winters. One failure more than off sets half-a-dozen successes. Some nurseries to the south and east have been known to distribute stock not true to name. Others, while honest in this respect, have distributed native plums budded or grafted on tender southern stock. These are brought in very cheaply but are absolutely worthless.

Planting presents no more difficulties than setting out shade trees. Very little pruning is required after the stuff becomes established. Planted the proper width apart, cultivation can be done by field outfits going to and from work a few times a year. Mr. Boughen has never been seriously troubled with any kind of insect, and the only disease that has ever appeared in the plum orchard is plum pocket. From his observations in the bush he states that this affects

the poorer varieties worst. Big, healthy varieties, entirely free from plum pocket are often found in the wilds beside badly infested plants whose fruit would not be marketable under any circumstances. Rabbits and mice do not kill plum trees to the extent that they kill apple trees, nor do they damage the larger plum trees. If one wants to

be ensured, hilling up the trees in the fall, low heading, or wrapping the trunk with sacking takes care of both rabbits and sun-scald, but Mr. Boughen never goes to this trouble. The small amount of time required by a plum plantation is more productive of returns than any other line of effort on the farm.

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Plums in bloom at the Valley River Nursery. Low, bushy plums at left. Opata, the best of the Hansen hybrids. Tree forms at right. Stevenson's Mammoth.

Canada's Food Laws

FIFTY or sixty years ago the subject of food legislation was not of vital interest to homemakers because most food products were prepared in the home. Today conditions are different, for many household industries have been transferred from the supervision of the housewife to the factory. Instead of overseeing certain processes herself, a woman may know little or nothing about the manufacture of foods she buys.

The way in which the federal government protects the consumer makes an interesting study. As legislators were alive to the dangers of allowing food to be manufactured without inspection, they framed laws to ensure pure products for the public. Besides this, each province has enacted laws which regulate the manufacture of food products for local consumption. Federal legislation deals with inter-provincial and foreign trade while the provincial laws are concerned only with conditions in their respective provinces. This article is confined strictly to a description of some of the outstanding features of federal legislation and does not deal with the regulations enforced by any one province.

When framing pure food laws, legislators did not attempt such a tremendous undertaking alone. They sought the advice of the best authorities on foods, and the most eminent chemists the Dominion possessed. In the course of their work, these experts studied food standards set by several countries in order to make Canadian laws as efficient as possible. It is also interesting to know that manufacturers were called in to the deliberations. Thus the statutes as we have them today are the result of the combined efforts of law makers, scientists, and experienced factory men.

The Food and Drugs Act of 1920, and the Meat and Canned Foods Act of 1920, are two pieces of legislation in which every homemaker should be vitally interested. Women's clubs will find a study of them very profitable. Of course they are not yet perfect, but improvements are being made each year so that you and I and the rest of the public are given considerable protection against impure food products.

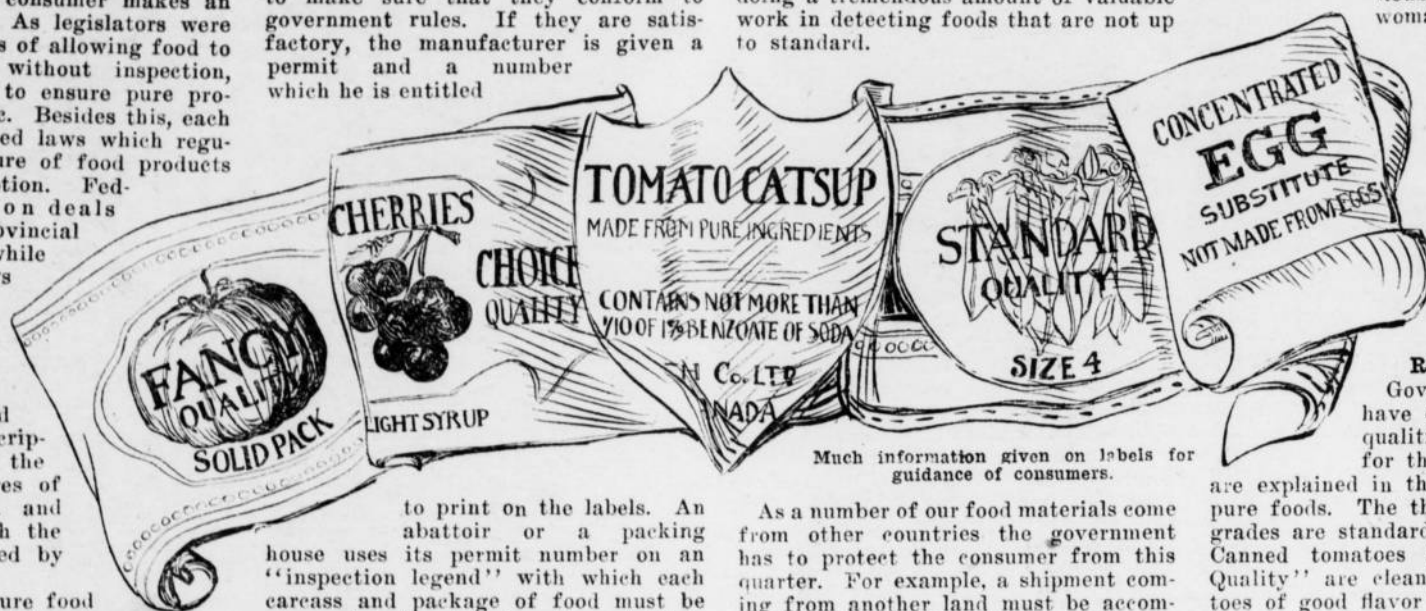
How the Laws Are Enforced

In these days, people are not satisfied by the mere enactment of legislation—they insist on having it enforced. However, it is doubtful if many women or men know how our food laws are administered. When a person or company wishes to manufacture or preserve foods for sale in another province or country, he must make application to the federal government for a permit. Before business can commence, an expert is sent to inspect the buildings and equipment to be employed by the manufacturer. If they do not come up to government standards no permit is granted and the owner is advised how his plant must be improved.

Federal Statutes Regulate Inter-Provincial and Foreign Trade---Standards Set for Many Foods---Women Should Take Active Interest in Pure Food Legislation---By Margaret M. Speechly

On the other hand, if the inspector finds up-to-date equipment and sanitary conditions, the manufacturer submits samples of labels and packages he intends using. These are checked up to make sure that they conform to government rules. If they are satisfactory, the manufacturer is given a permit and a number which he is entitled

which it was purchased, for provincial authorities are responsible for the administration of their own food laws. Analysts situated in Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver, are doing a tremendous amount of valuable work in detecting foods that are not up to standard.



Much information given on labels for guidance of consumers.

to print on the labels. An abattoir or a packing house uses its permit number on an "inspection legend" with which each carcass and package of food must be stamped before leaving the establishment. The inspection legend consists of a stamp bearing the crown, the establishment or permit number and the words "Canada approved." When all the regulations have been complied with, factories may commence business and are duly inspected by experienced men.

For the further protection of consumers the Dominion is divided into districts, the borders of which are defined in the Food and Drugs Act. Each region is in charge of an inspector whose duty it is to keep an eye on the market and to receive complaints from consumers. Anyone dissatisfied with the purity of products she has purchased should report the case to the inspector. He will buy a sample of the particular brand and will submit it to the nearest government chemist for analysis. If it is below standard, steps are taken to prevent its reappearance on the market. This is only done when the product was manufactured outside the province in

As a number of our food materials come from other countries the government has to protect the consumer from this quarter. For example, a shipment coming from another land must be accompanied by an affidavit made before a justice of the peace or a commissioner, to the effect that the product was manufactured in accordance with the food laws of Canada. Nor is that all, for before the goods can be moved from the customs at the port of entry, the packages and labels are examined to make sure that they do not bear misleading statements about the contents. If the products do not conform with government regulations, customs officials confiscate them. When the inspector doubts the purity of any food materials, he sends samples to the nearest analyst who makes a report on them. The consignment is held at the port of entry until a reply is received and is confiscated if it does not measure up to government standards. When a shipment reaches its destination it is again inspected at the customs. No food products are allowed to leave Canada unless accompanied by a certificate guarantee-

ing that they have been duly inspected according to the laws of this country.

While the authorities insist that factories use modern methods, up-to-date machinery and sound products, they feel the need of co-operation on the part of consumers. Intelligent buying ought to be one of the results obtained from a study of food legislation, for certain regulations have been made to guide the purchasing public. By examining the outside of cans and packages it is possible to find out considerable about their contents. It is

doubtful if the average woman knows why she

pays 20c for one can of tomatoes and 30c for another, yet the answer is to be found on the label. Women everywhere are urged to take advantage of the protection offered by properly labelled food products.

Read the Labels

Government authorities have established grades or qualities to act as a guide for the purchaser. These

are explained in the acts dealing with pure foods. The three most important grades are standard, choice and fancy. Canned tomatoes marked "Standard Quality" are clean, sound, ripe tomatoes of good flavor and are practically free from skins, cores, black spots or sun scald. "Choice Quality" tomatoes are higher in grade and in workmanship. "Fancy Quality" tomatoes are selected, prime fruit, red in color and practically whole. Another grade, less commonly seen on the market, is "Seconds" which is ranked below "Standard Quality." "Solid Pack" means that the fruit or vegetable was blanched or hot dipped before packing. As this shrinks the product, more of it can be put into a container than if the food had not been blanched. Consequently, tomatoes labelled "Fancy Quality, Solid Pack," cost more than a can of "Standard Quality." The same grades are used for other fruits and vegetables. On a can of peas, "Size 1" or "Sieve 1" has nothing to do with the number of the can. It refers to the size of the vegetable. Sieves of regulation meshes are used for grading peas—the smallest go through the finest sieve and are called size 1 or sieve 1. The largest

fall through the sieve with the coarsest mesh and are called size 4 or sieve 4. Thus fancy quality, size 1, are the youngest and tenderest peas, while standard quality size 4 are almost the largest kind on the market. Ripe peas may be canned only if "Ripe Peas" or "Soaked Peas" is printed on the label.

An interesting feature about canned fruits is the statement on labels concerning the syrup. "Heavy syrup" means that it contains 45 to 55 per cent sugar, depending up on the fruit. 55 per cent density is required for heavy syrup in apricots, raspberries, strawberries, cherries, etc., while 45 per cent sugar is exacted for pears and other fruits of similar sweetness. The density of "light syrup" varies from 25 to 30 per cent. This is of value to a purchaser as she

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An intelligent purchaser knows what she is buying. Merchants are glad to co-operate.

Horse Sense

By Edward Leslie

I LIKE the automobile, it is so swift and powerful and convenient. It does not need to be fed in the morning, nor blanketed when you return after the long trip. It reduces the vast spaces of prairie, notwithstanding the absurdity of the speed laws. I presume the automobile is here to stay. But there are times when I sit down in the evening and shut my eyes and allow my imagination to wander over the things that have given me joy in the days that are gone, and I see in the misty distance the pointed ears of the standard-bred. Can I ever forget how I loved him? As I turn the leaves of fancy I see the moonlit nights, and the glistening snow, and the beaten road by the river side, and I feel the lines tingling with life from the touch of a mouth which was the product of twenty generations of the Hambletonian line.

I got my love for horses honestly. My childhood days were spent in a community far from the glare of the city; and the movie and the ice-cream parlor did not form a part of our conscious world. But we had horses, and we fed them, and groomed them, and loved them, and raced them, and made them a prominent subject of common conversation. The worst thing that could be said about a horse in that community was that he was "lazy." The higher he reared, and the more harness he could smash getting out of the churchyard after service on Sunday morning, the better his reputation and the more he was worth. The choice place for the horse to show up was after church. Why not? All the girls were there to admire the prowess of the driver.

Horse lore was, therefore, one of the community contributions to our growing minds. And above all, some of us learned the "touch of the lines" which cannot be taught in theory, and which cannot be learned except by the few who have the gift to receive it. I prided myself that I was one of the few. In my teens I went to college and among other things began the study of psychology, along the line of the "brain path theory." As I studied of the connecting of sensory and motor nerves, to form habit, I thought, at least, that I found the explanation of many facts I had learned to use in my days of horsemanship. I determined to practice my psychology on rebellious members of the equine family during my vacation.

My first subject was "Johnny," who carried a plebeian name, not for want of pedigree, but from environment. He was a beautiful dappled gray—but forget about the color—a good horse is never a bad color. His beauty was not in his color, but in his shapely head, short backed tightly knit body, and thin blade-like legs. He had one physical defect—he had an eye that showed too much white, and was a little too "sunken"; and he did not possess that eye for no purpose. It was a fitting window for the wildest and most self-willed brain, with which I have ever known a horse to be afflicted. Johnny's pedigree went back through a long line of "Wilkes" to Hambletonian, the king of sires. But somewhere along the line it picked up what was popularly called a "dirty streak," which showed itself in no defect of physical action, but in a stubbornness and persistence which was the puzzle of the horsebreaker.

With this possibility of trouble he had fallen into the hands of unwise trainers. The man who owned him was a representative of a very common type of horsemen so called. He had great physical strength, and a lot of general experience in handling horses, but he had no knowledge of the finer points of the game. He had one rule which he followed for all types of animals, as if horses had no such a thing as temperament. His method was to tackle the will of the horse at its point of greatest resistance and break it by brute force. That is he set himself to

work to compel the animal to do what this particular animal was most determined not to do, on the assumption that if he "mastered" him there the deed was done. As is also so often the case, he had no control of himself, and what he did, was done in anger.

It goes without saying that an angry man is not guided by reason or an intelligent grasp of the process to be followed. Given an angry man, and a balky horse, and you have two brutes, using brute force, without reason. The wits of the one no doubt, are keener than those of the other; although I have seen cases in which I considered the balance to be very decidedly on the side of the horse. Then another fallacy of this owner, and would-be trainer, which is also common, was that he assumed that the horse knew quite well what was wanted of him, and was a purposeful criminal when he refused to obey. It never entered his mind that the horse does not reason, but acts from impulse; or if we express it in physical terms, that from some pre-natal cause the nerve connections in the brain centre of a balky horse are wrongly made, and that his reaction to your will is naturally in the opposite direction. This reaction is just as certain as if the electric connection of your automobile were put on the wrong spark plugs. A physical condition exists for which the horse is not responsible, on which he has no power to reflect, and over which he has no control. An intelligent, kindly, self-controlled man would take this into consideration and feel sympathetically toward the animal. Then a well-bred horse is sensitive to anger. It has been stated by experts that one angry word will cause the pulse of a high-bred horse to rise ten beats to the minute, and in an unbroken animal of high temper it invariably stirs him up in the wrong direction.

So thoroughly is this recognized among scientific horsemen that they have laid down the rule, "No one can master a high-bred horse until he has first mastered himself." The head trainer at a noted "stable" a few years ago told me, that he would not keep a man around the place who kept late hours, or ate mince pie before he went to bed. Because, he said, if a man did not get sufficient sleep, and possess a sound liver, he did not have the patience and control which are necessary to make horses intelligently gentle. He continued to state that an angry man could do in five minutes with a high-grade colt, what a scientific trainer would require five months to undo. This does not mean that a horse should never be punished. But it does mean that it should never be administered by an angry man.

All this was quite unknown to Johnny's would-be trainers, who knew all that was to be known, and boasted that the horse had not been made who could withstand their prowess. Such men are to be found in any community, and you know them by their sound. They had handled mongrels, but never in their experience had they come to grips with anything of Johnny's breeding and grit. The first time they harnessed him, he drove as gently as might be expected of any colt of his experience. He had not got his bearings and there was nothing to stir up the hidden fires.

The second drive was fraught with interest for all parties concerned. They had driven a couple of miles and turned for home when, as is usual, a neighbor came out to the road to "see the colt." They stopped to chat, and before long Johnny thought the conversation was too common for his class, and wanted to go home. He was suddenly jerked up and told to be quiet. He responded by standing straight up on his hind legs and throwing one fore leg over the end of the shaft. What then happened can easily be imagined. The driver was suddenly seized with the impulse to teach Johnny a lesson, and incidentally "show off" before his neighbors. In

response to this high motive, he seized a rawhide whip and administered a stinging cut to Johnny's ribs—intending to follow it with an indefinite series.

But the unexpected happened. Instantaneously Johnny started backwards with a speed which surprised the "railbirds" of the occasion; and the occupants of the cart made a hurried exit from the vehicle, just as it was going over the end of a culvert. When it did go over Johnny turned a summersault and landed on his back at the foot of the embankment with his head where his tail ought to be—that is of course in relationship to the cart. He calmly rolled over and got up snapping shafts and harness as though they were strings and match wood, and turned down the valley with the cart still held by the tugs. He soon found a way up the bank, and the first fence he scaled in getting to the road freed him from most of the cart.

The way he travelled homeward with what was still sticking to him was the delight of a multitude of boys in the neighborhood. Those who had not seen it were made to feel that they had lost the opportunity of a lifetime, while the privileged ones carried an air of superiority for weeks. The collie dogs, at every farm he passed, rushed out to test his speed, but came sneaking home close to the fence, humbled in spirit and carrying their tails in the position of mourning which ages of dog tradition have sanctioned. Johnny never stopped until his head was in his own manger, and the portion of the cart which accompanied him, and which could not get through the door as rapidly as he desired, remained on the outside.

The human beings concerned came home with less speed and still less enthusiasm. For a horseman to follow his horse home at any time is a decided humiliation. But the disgrace is increased a thousand fold, when the whole neighborhood has witnessed the affair, and when the women and children stand in the open doors to see the discomfited pass by. And the final touch is given when the women from the horsemen's home, become certain that the mangled remains of the heroes must be lying somewhere in the horses tracks and set out frantically to discover them.

To all these depths of disgrace our heroes fell within the brief space of one half hour. The good ladies who started in search, met their masculine companions around the first turn of the road, and were not highly pleased with their reception and definitely refused to go where they were bidden. Women never will do what they are told anyway. In this case, however, I admit they were justified in their refusal.

When the men arrived home they marched to the stable and appeased their angry spirits by severely whipping Johnny. This was another vital mistake, wholly apart from the humane question involved. A wise horseman never punishes a runaway horse, nor does he display the slightest irritation, however hard it may be to choke it down. The animal's nerves are shocked, and the only hope of improvement lies in forgetfulness. Any punishment but adds to his excitement and reduces the chances of his forgetting the incident.

As a result of this whole treatment or maltreatment, Johnny was thorough-



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ly "spoiled" and thereafter when a sufficient number of men were collected to harness him to a rig, he would run backwards until he would fall, and no means of raising him had been devised: though many cruel experiments had been tried. He was finally abandoned as an "outlaw."

It happened that I was to spend a vacation in this neighborhood a few months after the incidents described; and hearing of Johnny it suggested to me the opportunity of trying my general skill in horse training, and of practicing some psychological theories. I called on Johnny's owner and asked to see the horse. He—the horse I mean—was a beauty; "built"—as the horseman says—"from the ground up," and showing the product of his twenty generations of blue blood. As has been already said he had a rascelly eye, which flamed with the possibility of trouble. I remarked that he was a magnificent animal. To this the owner replied "Yes, but by some unlucky chance the head was put on the wrong end of him, and as a result he can travel backwards faster than anything of his kind I have seen." I replied that the redeeming feature of the situation was that he would react in some way, even if it was backwards. A bad reaction is better than no reaction; because it gives you the opportunity of grafting a good one on it, and turning it to your use.

To shorten a long story I agreed to attempt the training of Johnny, and was to begin the momentous task on the following morning. I was told that it would require the assistance of several men to "hitch" him, as his bad behavior began when he was brought in sight of a rig. But I insisted on attempting it alone. My theory is that a horse only thinks of one thing at one time, and if you focus his attention on something else, you can harness him or do anything else with him that you desire. I put a sack over his eyes, and a "twich" on his lip, and did both in such kindly good humor that his ire remained unkindled. I then drew the rig up to him and harnessed him to it without hurry or trouble. He was thinking of his lip and eyes and was therefore quite unmindful of the rig.

When I was all ready I first removed the sack, and then untwisted the "twich," and began to rub his lip for him; a process which he appreciated. Let me now call attention to what my problem was at that moment. This animal had a balky temperament. That is his reaction was in the opposite direction from the will of his driver. My problem was to bring him to act with me instead of against me. My method was to begin by working in

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Why Not a Play?

How to Make a Start in Dramatic Work---Where to Find Material---How to Choose a Play---By Amy J. Roe

SOMEONE has said "If a neighborhood learns to amuse itself that neighborhood has learned the secret of happy living." We have, during the recent years, especially since the war, learned to depend on ourselves for a number of things. We have also demanded more in the way of entertainment and it may safely be said that the entertainment we have asked for has been of a higher and better order. It is as if we had come to the realization that in order to more properly fit ourselves for the serious business of living that we must have moments of relaxation and of mental refreshment. Thus we have seen the rapid growth of the chautauqua and the concert and moving picture circuits even in the outlying rural districts.

There has been a remarkable increase of interest in dramatic work. Remodeled barns, halls, community buildings, schoolhouses and even private houses have been turned into community theatres. Universities, agricultural colleges, churches, schools, seem all to have been uniting in this new movement. It is as if a dramatic renaissance has begun. It is not by any means confined to cities, for rural communities in both Canada and the United States are making rapid strides along this line.

After all there is nothing quite so interesting as people. If there is one thing better than having people work together it is to have them play together. A play put on by local people will stir public interest and develop a neighborly loyalty. The success of a dramatic adventure of course depends on two things, the work of the actors and public support. Sir Horace Plunkett once said that the simplest piece of amateur acting or singing done in a village hall by one of the villagers would create more enthusiasm among his friends and neighbors than could be created by the most consummate performance of a professional in a great theatre where no one in the audience knew or cared for the performer.

Everything must have a beginning. Where should you start in dramatic work? The first thing that must be done is to make a selection of a play. It may be pantomime at first, or a simple one act play, but once started the enthusiasm created will carry you on to better things. In choosing a play it is well to keep in mind the people who are to take part in it as well as the people who will form the audience. That is, the play, to be a success, must appeal to the people who are to take the character parts. Find out what is most likely to interest them, comedy, serious drama, historical pageant, and then choose the play. There are any number of short and long one-act plays as well as those with two or three acts which take a whole evening. On some plays a small royalty fee is charged. Care should be taken that the performance is to be neither too "highbrow" nor too crude. There is a happy medium which will develop artistic impulses in the actors and which will provide plenty of real jolly fun.

Where to Get Material

The appended list of publishers of dramatic material, also a short synopsis of some good short and long plays, gives some idea of the source of supply. Publishers are always willing to send catalogues of the plays they have in stock. With the catalogues in hand, the difficulty is to choose from the mass of material something which is suited to the needs of your particular community. Each play is listed giving the title and a short description of the plot. The number of characters, male and female, and the length of time is also given. Knowing about the number of people available for this sort of work, and about the length of entertainment you wish to provide, the material is simmered down considerably. You then must keep in mind the nature of the play you would like.

As the plays are not exchanged it is best to get one copy of the play you want and when you find that is suitable a number of copies for the different actors can be obtained.

With the play chosen the next step is to select the cast. In country communities where the number of people who will be able to take part is limited, this may not take much time, but care should be exercised that as far as possible the person shall fit the part.

It is well to hold a preliminary reading and try different people out on the various parts. This reading may develop some unexpected surprises for the person selecting the cast. Some of the people whom you may think especially suited for particular parts may prove to be disappointments and changes will have to be made. In selecting people for dramatic work choose those who are willing to work hard and those who you are fairly sure will carry through to the finish, as very frequently someone dropping out complicates the whole matter for everyone.

A director should be chosen who will be responsible for managing things. He will have a "bird's eye view" of the whole thing and will give advice and instructions. Needless to say that director needs to be a person of patience and tact, and one who knows something about dramatic production.

Every attempt at dramatic work should be a little better than the last. Acting is an art that will develop unexpected possibilities in your young people. While plays are an exceptionally good means of making money for local enterprise or charity, we must not let them develop purely into money-making affairs. Part of the returns from each play should be turned back to the committee in charge so that they have an opportunity of obtaining equipment and material for future work. This is only fair to those who spend so much of their time in working up the play.

Draw From Community

Get as far away as possible from the old idea of amateur dramatics where professionals are merely copied, costumes and scenery hired, and where long and difficult plays are attempted. Have something less difficult and have the whole community planning and working at the costumes and scenery, in this way developing originality. Better still, plan to interest everyone in the play, for the larger number interested in it the greater chance it has for being a success. Some clubs try the idea of sending out a questionnaire to every person, asking them what they are willing to do: painting, carpentering,



Young people delight to put on plays requiring costume designing.

planning scenery, designing, sewing, stenciling, decorating, secretarial work, printing, publicity, music, etc. In this way the imagination of the whole community is stimulated, public sentiment aroused and directed towards a common goal and that in itself means better community spirit.

Get out of your mind at the beginning that you must have expensive equipment and elaborate setting for plays. The fun of amateur dramatics is to make everything the way you want it in the way you want it. Of course all the work will be voluntary, although where it is carried on extensively you may wish to hire the director. The personal work and enthusiasm that will be put into it will be amazing.

In the land of make-believe you will be surprised to find how the humblest means produce the most magical effects. Remember, in planning the scenery, that suggestion rather than representation is sought so the keynote must be simplicity. The scenery and fittings must not distract the attention from the spirit of the play. It is merely the background against which the stage picture stands out. One set of curtains or screens can be made to suit many different ideas by adding just a few careful touches.

Stage and Costumes

The stage of course should be raised, from three and a half to four feet from the floor so that the audience will have no difficulty in seeing. Most concert halls have good stages with entrances from both sides which make them ideal for dramatic work. In the country schoolhouse or hall where this condition does not exist then curtains or temporary walls will furnish dressing rooms and get the desired effect. No off-stage confusion or whispering must be allowed to spoil the effect of the play. Screens may be made from wall board so as to suggest almost any kind of an interior. They may be covered with brick wall cloth, wainscott pattern wall paper or leatherette to get the desired effect of a solid wall. Flannelette dyed a good color has been found to be good material for curtains, as it drapes very gracefully. A cyclorama is useful and effective. To make this drape folds of plain material of any neutral color upon wire for a circular effect or stretch it upon frames for a straight one. This forms an excellent background and throws the characters into good strong relief. It has the added convenience of being easy to store away.

As the play is a community enterprise then at the beginning the houses in the community must help you to furnish the stage with furniture and fittings. Local merchants will be

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"Three weeks ago we got a new sewing machine."



"This week we got a new range."



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# Christmas and Its Customs

*How We Got the Many Customs Associated with the Christmas Season—By J. T. Hull*

**T**HE beginnings of the greatest festal season in the northern hemisphere are lost in the mists of antiquity. In Christian countries today December 25 is observed as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but the observance did not become general until about the fourth or fifth century. Among the early Christians various dates were observed, and especially March 29, April 19 or 20, May 20 and September 29. The feast of Epiphany, January 6, was celebrated as both the birthday and the day of Christ's manifestation at the baptism in the Jordan. In truth, neither the day nor the year of Christ's birth is known. The *Encyclopedia Biblica* says: "The gospels say nothing as to the day of the nativity. The church fixed it by mythological analogy. Whilst the ancient church (as the Armenian church still does) commemorated the nativity at the feast of Epiphany . . . the Roman church, from the middle of the fourth century onwards, set apart the *Natalis Solis Invicti* (the birthday of the invincible sun), i.e., 25th December, as the anniversary of the Savior's birth." This was the great Mithraic feast, and the religion of Mithra, with its rites, ceremonies and customs was carried over Europe by the Roman soldiers.

## Its Antiquity

That, however, falls far short of accounting for the Christmas festal. The winter solstice, that time in the sun's yearly journey through the heavens when he reaches the furthest away point from the equator, appears to stand still, then turns back on his course, bringing renewed warmth to the earth and releasing it from the dead clutch of winter, was a period of rejoicing, ceremonial and sacrifice long, long before the Christian era. It was a religious festal among the ancient Persians, Indians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Teutons, Britons, and even among the indigenous inhabitants on this continent. The Venerable Bede (673-735) tells us that "the ancient people of the Angli began the year on the 25th



If they have been naughty a rod is laid alongside the shoe.

of December, when we now celebrate the birthday of the Lord and the very night which is now so holy to us they called in their tongue *modranecht*, that is, the mothers' night, by reason, we suspect, of the ceremonies which in that night-long vigil they performed." He does not say what the ceremonies were, but they are possibly represented in some of the customs which are yet observed.

So much is there in the customs of the Christmas season that has no connection whatever with the Christian religion, that in 1644, the English puritans by act of parliament forbade all merriment and religious services on the ground that the feast was a heathen one, and they ordered it kept in fasting. The prohibition was removed by Charles the Second—it was never effectual—but the puritan view prevails in Scotland to this day, and among many Christian sects. But the puritans were right as an examination of the popular Christmas customs shows.

## Santa Claus

To children Christmas is personified in Santa Claus who brings them toys

and sweets. The name is of modern origin being in fact a phonetic rendering of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of boys. St. Nicholas was a real person; Santa Claus is an embodiment of the Christmas spirit. St. Nicholas' day is December 6, and is still celebrated in Holland and other parts of Europe. The feast was brought to America by the early Dutch settlers, and the name was made into Santa Claus by their English-speaking neighbors, and in that form was re-imported into England.

In Holland, on St. Nicholas' Eve, the children set out their shoes in which are placed hay or carrots for feed for the animals driven by St. Nicholas, who comes round to reward the good children and reprove the naughty ones. The next morning if the children have been good they find the fodder gone and toys and sweets in its place; if they have been naughty, the fodder is untouched and a rod is laid alongside the shoe. From this custom has come the one of hanging stockings up on Christmas Eve for Santa Claus to fill, and it used to be the custom to intimate to older children that they were getting past the child age by filling the stocking with rubbish. Nowadays the elder children are too sophisticated to need the hint.

The practice of exchanging gifts at Christmas prevailed among the ancient Egyptians and Romans. In Scandinavia the gifts were given anonymously and fun was made by wrapping small gifts in very big packages. The gift custom was so common that it was the practice to have a box in which the gifts were deposited and from this we get the custom of calling the gift a Christmas box.

## The Christmas Tree

A French legend of the 13th cen-

ture tells of a man having a vision in which he saw a huge tree with its boughs covered by lighted candles, some of which were right end up, some the other way, and over the tree the head of a curly haired boy with a halo. The vision was referred to the Pope, who said that the tree represented mankind, the upright candles the good people and those upside down the bad, and the boy was the Saviour. As an institution, however, the Christmas tree cannot be traced further back than the 16th century when it appears in Germany. It was introduced into England after the marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, probably by way of courtesy. It came to this continent with the early German immigrants.

## Kissing Bough and Mistletoe

The practice of decorating the house with evergreens, however, goes away back to prehistoric times, and is associated with nature worship. The Egyptians used palm and olive leaves, and in ancient Britain holly, ivy and mistletoe were used. In the north of England the kissing bough or hoop rivals the Christmas tree in popularity. One hoop is placed through another and covered with colored tissue papers. In the centre are placed three figures, representing the Savior, Mary and Joseph, and underneath a piece of mistletoe is hung. Fruit and toys are also hung on it. The hoop is hung in the centre of the room and it is considered lucky to be kissed under it. This is distinctively



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an English custom and its origin is obscure. The sacred figures of the Christian religion are blended with the circular hoop, the ancient pagan symbol of eternity, and the mistletoe, the sacred plant of the Druids. The mistletoe was a symbol of fertility and the custom probably arose in a ceremony in which lovers pledged eternal fidelity and the mistletoe was the promise of children from the union. A further illustration of the meaning is found in the custom of taking nine leaves of mistletoe, tying them in a handkerchief with nine knots and sleeping on them, the sleeper being supposed to dream of his or her future lover. This custom is also observed with holly and ivy in the place of mistletoe, the holly being the man's plant and the ivy the woman's. In some old carols holly and ivy have a dispute as to which is master, symbolizing the age-long scrap as to who should rule in the home.

### Yule Doos and the Yule Log

A custom, probably having its roots in fearsome sacrificial ceremonies, prevails in the north of England. This is the baking on Christmas Eve of Yule doughs or doos, human figures, which are to be eaten on Christmas Day. Analogous customs prevail in many parts of the world and have been the subject of much research. In Cornwall they bake cakes with currants in them, but not necessarily of human shape. In some places it was the custom to give these Yule babies away. These customs are a survival of practices that give one the shudders to think about.

The Yule log is another survival of paganism and it symbolizes the ancient origin of Christmas. It comes to us from our Scandinavian ancestors, who built huge bonfires at this time of the year in honor of their great god Thor. The Christmas fire is a relic of sun worship and the customs now associated with it were at one time religious ceremonies. A piece of the log is preserved because it was thought that it acted as a sacred protection against fire. A person entering the house while the log was burning walked up and poked it so that sparks flew from it, before he uttered a word. It was a sign of bad luck if he spoke before poking the log, and also if no sparks flew when he poked it. It was also a bad omen if a squint-eyed or a flat-footed person entered the room when the log was burning. This last superstition still survives in the beliefs associated with the custom of first-footing on New Year's Day, which, it should be remembered was, with these ancestors of ours, December 25. Where first-footing is customary it is unlucky to have as first-foot one who is squint-eyed, or fair, or flat-footed, and a woman first-foot is regarded with positive horror. No first-foot should enter a house empty-handed, nor should he carry anything out of the house in his hand. No ashes should be taken out of the house on New Year's Day because the ashes are sacred. Some should be preserved during the year to bring luck to the house. The antipathy to blondes is probably a survival of race hatred for the indigenous inhabitants of Britain were dark and the blonds were invading marauders. A flat-footed person was supposed to be one of low birth; if water would flow under the foot it was a sign of noble birth and ancestry. The objection to women is to be found in the many curious ideas regarding the sex entertained by men in the infancy of the race.

A Christmas Eve custom also common to New Year's Eve and Hallowe'en is the performance by both sexes of rites which are supposed to ensure a glimpse of one's future lover. Here is one of the formulas for this performance:

"I cross my shoes in the shape of a T,  
Hoping this night my true love to see;  
Not in his best or worst array,  
But in the clothes of every day."  
Many a girl has scared herself into a fit in trying to go through the proper observances of these performances.

### The Guisers

All over Europe masking customs prevail around Christmas time. The mummers, or guisers as they are called in England, can be traced as far back as the time of Edward III. The guisers are unbidden guests but they enter



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the house as of right and present a crude drama which in essentials is the same everywhere. Two men fight, the hero gets killed, a skilful doctor is brought in, he applies wonderful potions and the hero comes to life. General rejoicing ensues and the wish is expressed that the host will have "his pockets full of money and his cellar full of beer, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year," after which the hat is passed round. It is a survival of the old religious drama and symbolizes the resurrection of the earth or the sun from the death of winter. The idea of resurrection is closely associated with this season of the year. In some parts of Europe it is believed that the dead rise and revisit their old haunts on Christmas Eve, hence the prevalence of ghost stories at Christmas. In south-eastern Europe the housewife on Christmas Eve, before retiring, sets out food and drink, cleans the chairs and prepares a warm bath. Originally these were for the trolls, witches and such like that were supposed to enjoy unlimited freedom on that night, but that belief has been supplanted by the belief that Christ with his angels visits the earth and may need sustenance.

It was a common belief that on Christmas Eve animals had the gift of speech, and that at midnight the cattle knelt in their stalls. Among the North American Indians it was said that the deer in the forests on that night knelt and looked up to the Great Spirit in heaven. In Russia it was believed that on Christmas Eve hidden treasures were revealed and that the water in springs and wells was turned into wine, and there is a legend of a woman who doubted the occurrence of the miracle and who was visited by Divine punishment because she went out at midnight and drew water from the well to see if it really was wine.

Looking over the many customs of Christmas we can see that the season is essentially humanistic in its bringing together of the hopes, fears, beliefs and aspirations that have tormented or inspired men from the earliest times. In it are mingled contributions from all the religions that time has seen. It reflects the crudest superstition and the most sublime mysticism, and it ranges from purely physical indulgence to the most refined spirituality. Santa Claus is a real spirit and no make-belief. He brings us into one fold and unites us in the bond of a common humanity, and because he is a jolly good fellow we can all bask in the sunshine of his human, kindly spirit.



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**C**AN you recall anything that impressed you more as a child than the Christmas celebrations? The tree with its tinsel, lights, and gifts, was "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to one and all, but especially to your young eyes which were doubtless fairly bulging, in an attempt to take in all the beauty of the scene. The older members of the family upon whom most of the work devolved received their reward in the joyous exclamations of the children.

The decoration of the home for the Yuletide season is just as desirable today as it has ever been. It need not be an extensive item in the Christmas celebration, especially if you are of an original turn of mind. The luckiest people live near the spruce country where a real tree and winter foliage can be obtained with very little effort. Those who are on the flat prairie with never a twig in sight can purchase an artificial Christmas tree which makes a very good substitute. Tinsel, stars, animal crackers, small oranges, and gifts can be tied on to the branches giving it a gay appearance which is greatly enhanced by candles of various colors firmly anchored in holders that are made especially for the purpose.

By the way, if you put candles in the back kitchen or outside for at least 24 hours they will last much longer than if kept in the warmth until they are wanted.

Very pretty small decorations can be made at home for the tree from old Christmas cards. Cut out bells, Santa's heads, and figures and paste them on to firm cardboard. Tinsel glued on the edges makes a nice finish to these novelties which are attached to the tree by red string or thread.

A snowy tree is something that can be easily obtained by popping corn and pinning a kernel on to the end of each twig which makes the tree look as if it had been brought in from outside. Let the children look after this part of the preparations for it will keep them busy and make them feel that they are absolutely indispensable. Strings of popcorn too are nice for these decorations and so are bright red cranberries that have been run on a strong thread.

### Let The Children Help

In nearly all schools the children are taught to make pretty decorations before Christmas, which they are delighted to see adorning the family tree. They can also help at home by making chains of red, green, gold, or silver paper which are nice for festooning doorways or the stairway. Use strong paper if possible, but if nothing else is at hand double tissue paper can be substituted. Cut it into strips four inches long by one inch wide and paste the ends together to form a link or sew them with thread. The chains may be of one color throughout, or are very pretty when made of two colors such as scarlet and bright green.

## Delaney's Christmas

*By Margaret Phillips*

**B**EGORRA! It's the devil's own luck!" Delaney exclaimed as he read the letter just handed him by Mrs. McGuire from the post box.

"What's the matter, Pat?"

"Matter enough, Mrs. McGuire," answered Delaney, a serious and shocked expression on his face, "My sister's dead and they're sending her children out to me next week."

"Not all alone."

"No!" again consulting his letter, "An old aunt is with them and some friends going through to Vancouver will leave them off in Calgary. They ask me to meet them there around December the 20th."

"Poor kids!" some one said as he passed out the door, climbed in his sleigh and started the horses on their ten miles trot home. At the village store he stopped for groceries and also

If you wish the flower pots to take on a festive appearance, cover them with red or green crepe paper which can be "frilled" at the edges by stretching it, or cut with scissors to make a fancy fringe.

Those who can get spruce boughs and branches have an opportunity of making the house look especially attractive. Fill waste paper baskets with them and put them in corners of the room, or use the umbrella stand for the purpose. Bowls or large jadinieres can be treated in the same way. With very little trouble wreaths may be made of any winter foliage that is available, and if tied with a piece of scarlet ribbon make a very nice decoration for a window, archway or door.

### Candles Give Color

Those who are possessors of candlesticks can put red and green candles in them for the purpose of adding some color to the decorations. If there is trouble in fitting them into the sockets, mold the ends in warm water and draw them out lengthwise if they are too large and if they are too small push the soft ends down into the sockets till the wax spreads enough to stand properly. A red lamp shade will impart a ruddy glow to the living-room.

It is always nice to have something Christmassy for the dinner table. Nearly every woman grows a few house plants and many people plant bulbs early so that they will flower about the third week in December. If you have nothing suitable in the line of flowers, fill a large bowl with rosy apples, oranges, bananas, or any other fruit that is obtainable. Around the base of the bowl place sprigs of spruce or holly if you are lucky enough to have any, or else make a star of greenery and place the bowl in the centre of it. Many people use crackers (not soda biscuits) placing them irregularly around the centre or making them into a hollow square similar to a cordwood pile.

Here is another centre decoration which can be made with little trouble. Lay a small mirror in the middle of the table and put absorbent cotton around it to represent hills and fields of snow. Scatter artificial snow over it, but if none is obtainable, just take a look in the medicine cabinet and see if there are some Epsom salts. They will make a good substitute for the snow you buy by the package.

If there is a large party it is a good plan to have place cards which can be made easily at home. Plain visiting cards or white cardboard will do for the foundation on to which paste bells, Christmas scenes, or other decorations which can be cut from old greeting cards.

In all decorative work for Christmas, it is advisable to avoid over-doing it. It is better to have no trimmings than to fill the rooms with large green boughs, immense red paper bells, and elaborate festooning.

to pick up Sam Weir, his neighbor. "What's the bad news?" asked Sam, as they tucked the robes tighter before facing the wind.

Pat merely elucked to the horses and sighed, then as an after-thought pulled the letter from his pocket and handed it to Sam.

"Read that!" he said, "It's Kathleen's kids! Be here for Christmas."

Sam read. "Poor kids!" at last he said. "We'll have to do something for them."

"Can't do it! Don't know how!" answered Pat. "I'm scared stiff of anything smaller than my elbow. And there's five of them." Pat was a confirmed old bachelor. They drove a mile and more in silence, each busy with his own thoughts.

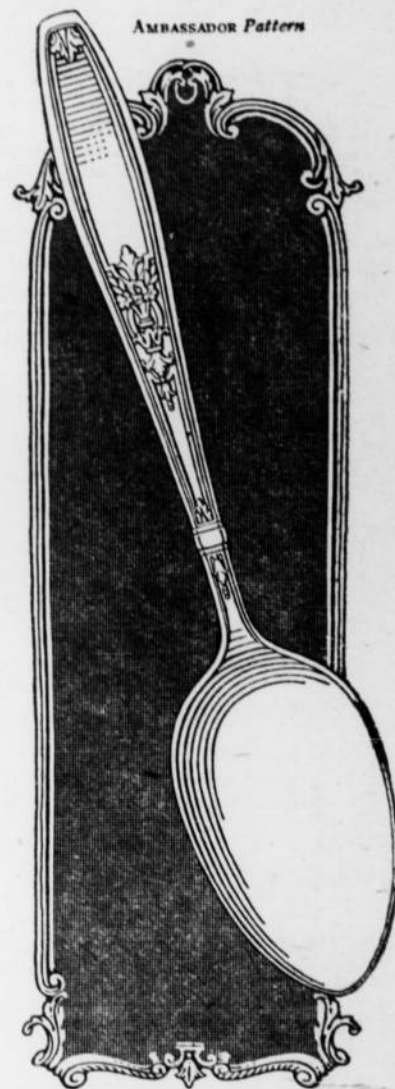
Suddenly Pat turned to Sam.

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family are away down east till the 1st of March, didn't you say? Well, why should you keep batch over there and me alone at my place. Move your stock over to my place and let's spend the winter together, then you can help me plan for them." The two men were old friends and always enjoyed a chat together so finally Sam agreed to help him out for a while anyway.

"I won't move my stuff over," he said, "it's only half a mile walk between the houses, but I'll come and stay with you till you all get settled down as a new family and help all I can."

After this every day was a busy day for these two farmers. First they had to plan the rooms and beds for the children. There would be everything to order and the two of them spent long hours over the mail order catalog.

Fortunately the house on the place had six rooms and Delaney planned two bedrooms for the five children and one for himself and Sam Weir.

So they pored over the catalogs and made long lists of needed things, curtains and beds and tables and high chairs and rockers and carpets and dressers and dishes. Sam thought he knew all they'd need and the list was sent off as soon as possible. Then when the mail brought them the Christmas numbers of their usual papers, and Pat opened them and saw the pictures, it flashed on him, they too must keep Christmas. "Begorra!" said Pat, "Sam, you blockhead, we've forgotten Christmas!"

Sam sat down suddenly in a chair and groaned.

"Buck up, Sam! We've got to do it. I'll buy the junk and you'll persuade Santa to visit us, red coat, white beard and all."

Sam was aghast. True he had a family and they always had a glorious time, but he himself had never helped Santa get ready. The most he'd ever done was carve the turkey. It was Mrs. Santa Claus that planned and arranged all the fun of the stockings and what went in them. So he felt he didn't know any better than Pat how to go about the new job that faced him.

But Pat was determined it should be as he expressed it, "a rip roarin', rollicking day," and again the catalogs came out and lists began. Christmas presents there must be for those five lonesome children, and it was up to them to find them. And before they knew it they were caught in the glamour of the Christmas fun and found themselves discussing toy trains and engines with as much gusto as if it had been a real tractor they intended to buy.

They finally hit on a method and plan. This time it was Sam's idea. The letter had told the name and age of each child and by making a list and shopping first for a nine-year-old girl, then for a seven-year-old boy, then a five-year-old girl, and a three-year-old boy they managed to get something suitable. They couldn't make out whether the baby of sixteen months was called Joe or Joy, but Sam argued at that age it wouldn't matter, which it was as all babies played with teddy bears and blocks and horses and little wagons.

"Well, but if it's a girl, she'll want a doll!" said Pat. "And if she's a boy she won't."

"He won't, you mean," said Sam. So they ordered a boy doll as a compromise.

Sam was strong on ordering durable toys. "Nothing makes a child cry sooner than a broken toy, so let's get strong stuff that won't break even if it costs a little more. These flimsy things are just a waste of money. One strong toy will last a year while flimsy stuff will be all smashed in a week."

Mrs. Sam had written them a letter by now with advice in it as to what to buy. It said, "Buy for each child a winter outfit complete, coat, cap, muffler, mittens, stockings, overshoes, warm slippers and flannels, as their Old Country clothes will hardly be warm enough for our cold winters. Then buy for each a book suitable for the child's age and things like colored crayons, paints, chalk and blackboard, pencils, slates and rulers with drawing books and painting books, and you have planned many busy happy hours for the

cold winter days. Next buy them each a game, something suitable for their ages, and then a few real good toys that can be played with. To be of any use to a child a toy must be able to be used and new creations made from it. Thus blocks are a never ending pleasure to almost any child, especially one to five years. A doll is no good unless its clothes have buttons on and will come off and on. It's no fun just to hold a doll. The little girl wants to play she is her mother and do things with her baby just like a real mamma does. Mechanical toys are a great joy, but must have strong springs to last any time, but even some of the cheap ones have that."

"What games do you people find children like?" asked Pat.

"Games?" said Sam. "Oh, all kinds. They liked the Steeple Chase and Tiddley Winks, all of them did, and the eldest ones like games like checkers or cards like Snap or Authors, and the youngest one went crazy over dominoes. Used to stand them on end in a row and call them soldiers. It was funny to hear him say 'S'oulder Arms!' then 'At your east!' and touch the first and the whole row would ripple down plunk."

"Get those for the three-year-old boy that's coming, Pat."

"What about these expensive building toys?"

"Oh, likely they're good for boys of twelve years or so, the little chaps like plain blocks or even old spools as well as anything for building purposes."

Pat went back to his catalog again.

"Does your wife say what a girl of nine would like?"

"I'll see. Yes, here it is. 'You know, Sam, how our little girls like to make clothes for the dolls, so get a thimble, needles, thread and scissors for your new little nine-year-old girl, and an eighth of a yard of four different colors of sateen or chintz, and she should be happy as spring sunshine,' she says."

"That's a good idea too! Teach her to be useful. Say Sam! How about some pretty pink wool and a crochet hook? Maybe she'd make a doll's bonnet or something."

"Most girls can at nine and ten."

"I wonder what kind of paints your wife buys."

Sam considered. "Well, we used to get those kind in the big fancy boxes, but the paints were always coming loose and getting lost. Nellie likes the real school paints the best, says they're the cheapest too."

"I'll find them on the school supply page, I suppose."

"Oh, yes, I guess so. You'll find the crayons and the chalk too. It beats all what fun our kids have playing school. You know we got a yard of that school blackboard cloth and I tacked it up in the kitchen, and, say, most every night they were at it, drawing pictures or writing on it. Why Eddie, you know, he went right into grade 2 when he started to school. They'd taught him so much on that blackboard."

"Well, I guess I have them all fixed up but that seven-year-old boy. What will he like?"

"Oh, that's easy, a good knife or a mouth organ, perhaps even those tinker toys. A boy that age wants to do things with his presents. He doesn't just want to look at them. 'Action' is his word, all day long. Get him a game of nine pins and an air gun, a climbing monkey or a gazoo and he'll be happy all day long."

"For the little girl of five I have planned a doll with real clothes and some building blocks, a jumping rabbit and a box of paints. Is that enough?"

"Sure, that's fine. And for Master Three-Year-Old, you said you had a teddy bear or a hobby horse, didn't you?"

"That looks like an awful big list, Pat, but you'll have to have some candy and nuts and things to make the thing complete. What's it going to cost you?"

"Oh, not so much, the toys and things come to about two dollars for each child, then the clothes and candy stuff are extra. I guess I can stand that."

"You'll sure have a bunch of happy kids on Christmas. I'm glad I'll be here to help," said Sam. "You know."

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## COWAN'S COOKERY COLUMN

### Cocoa Reception Cakes

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½ teaspoon vanilla  
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## Good Things for Christmas

A Variety of New Dishes for the Holiday Season—

By Margaret M. Speechly

### Grandma's Special

1 c. finely chopped suet 1 tsp. salt  
1 c. molasses 1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 c. milk 1 tsp. allspice  
3 c. flour 1 c. raisins  
1 c. currants

Mix suet, molasses and milk together in a bowl. Sift together the flour, salt and spices. Add dry ingredients to the first mixture a little at a time and combine thoroughly. Put in fruit and turn into a greased mold. Steam 2½ hours. Serve with Golden Sauce.

### Golden Sauce

2 eggs 1 c. sugar  
½ tsp. lemon extract  
Beat yolks and whites together until foamy. Add the sugar a little at a time, beating between each addition. Put in extract at the end.

### New Divinity

¼ c. corn syrup  
3 c. brown sugar  
¼ c. boiling water  
2 egg whites  
¼ c. raisins  
1 tsp. vanilla

Place the first three ingredients in a saucepan and cook until a soft but firm ball forms when tested in cold water. Remove from the fire and beat the whites until stiff. Pour on the hot mixtures slowly, beating all the time.

### Popcorn Drops

2 egg whites 1 c. popcorn  
½ tsp. salt 2 T. melted butter  
¼ c. sugar 1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla

Add salt to whites and beat until stiff. Add sugar gradually beating thoroughly. Put popcorn through the food chopper using the coarsest knife, mix with melted butter and add it to the other ingredients. Drop on to a well-greased baking sheet about an inch apart. Flatten each drop with a knife which has been dipped in cold water. Bake for 30 minutes in a very moderate oven.

### Apple Custard Pie

2 c. apple sauce 1 tsp. salt  
3 c. milk ¼ c. sugar  
4 eggs ¼ tsp. nutmeg  
Juice 1 lemon

Beat eggs only slightly. Add salt, sugar and apple sauce and combine thoroughly. Add spice and lemon juice and bake with undercrust only. Lemon juice may be omitted if none is at hand.

### Candied Cranberries

1 c. cranberries 1 c. sugar  
1 c. water

Choose large red berries and prick each three or four times with a clean needle. Boil sugar and water until a thread is formed. Drop fruit in carefully and cook slowly for five or six minutes. Remove from the fire and let stand over night. Reheat and cook for the same length of time. Let stand over night again. Reheat and while hot remove berries from the syrup. Drop on oiled paper to dry. Coat with fine granulated sugar. These are a good substitute for candied cherries for decorating purposes.

### Calico Fudge

1½ c. white sugar 2 T. Butter  
¾ c. brown sugar 4 T. peanut butter  
2-3 c. milk 12 marshmallows

Cook milk and sugar to soft ball stage and add butter and peanut butter. Beat until creamy and pour over marshmallows placed on a greased plate. Cut into squares when cold.

### Meatless Mince Meat

1 c. chopped suet  
1 lb. seeded raisins  
1 lb. currants  
1 lb. chopped apples  
1 lb. mixed peel  
2 c. brown sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. cloves  
1 tsp. nutmeg  
½ tsp. salt  
1 c. canned fruit juice



Mix all the ingredients together in an earthenware bowl or jar, cover and let stand for 24 hours. Mix again and use at once. Remaining mince meat will keep if sealed in sterilized, air-tight jars.

### Chocolate Honey Squares

1 c. strained honey ¼ c. milk  
2 c. brown sugar 2 squares chocolate

Boil all the ingredients together until a soft ball is formed when tested in cold water. Beat until thick and heavy. Pour on to a greased plate. Cut into squares when cold.

### Glazed Nut Cookies

1 c. butter 4 eggs  
2 c. sugar ¼ c. milk  
¼ c. flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1 c. walnuts or almonds  
6 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter and sugar and beat eggs until light. Add eggs slowly to the mixture, leaving two tablespoons for glazing the cookies. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt, add to the first mixture alternately with the milk. Roll, cut in stars and crescents and glaze the cookies by brushing them lightly with egg. Put nuts through food chopper and sprinkle on top of each cookie.

### Boiled Apple Dumplings

2 eggs 2 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
2 c. milk Apples  
2 c. flour Brown sugar

Beat eggs until light and add milk. Sift salt, flour and baking powder together and combine with the liquid. It may be necessary to add a little more flour to make a soft dough. Roll out quickly one half-inch thick, cut in squares, and place quarters of apples in the centre. Sprinkle with sugar and pinch the dough around the apples. Wring out pudding cloths in cold water and sprinkle well with flour. Put a dumpling in each leaving room for swelling and tie tightly. Drop into a kettle of rapidly boiling water and keep it boiling hard for one hour. Serve with hard sauce. Place a saucer in the bottom of the kettle to prevent sticking.

### Walnut Date Bars

4 eggs 1 tsp. baking powder  
2 c. brown sugar 2 c. nuts  
2-3 c. flour 2 c. dates  
¼ tsp. salt

Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored. Add sugar gradually and beat well. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt, and add them to the mixture. Chop nuts and dates and combine with other ingredients. Spread on a greased pan and bake in a moderate oven. When cool cut in bars.

### Raisin and Cranberry Pie

2 c. cranberries 1 c. sugar  
1 c. raisins 3 T. flour  
¼ tsp. salt

Wash cranberries, pick over raisins, and mix sugar and flour together. Combine all the ingredients and place in pastry lined tin. Cover with layer of pie paste.

### Christmas Nut Loaf

1 c. peanuts 1 tsp. sage  
1 c. walnuts 1 tsp. thyme  
1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. summer savory  
1 tsp. pepper 2 eggs  
2½ c. bread crumbs 1 c. hot water  
1 T. butter

Mix the dry ingredients in the order given. Beat eggs slightly, add to the mixture and form it into a loaf. Place in a baking pan and put in a moderate oven 10 minutes. Well butter in the hot water and pour it over the loaf. Bake until well browned basting often. When done remove on to a platter and make a brown sauce of the liquid. Pour sauce around loaf.

### ABBREVIATIONS

In the cookery articles of The Guide, the following abbreviations are used:

c.—cup lb.—pound  
t.—tablespoon pk.—peck  
tsp.—teaspoon bu.—bushel  
oz.—ounce qt.—quart  
pt.—pint

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## Fairy Tales

*The Origin and Meaning of Stories That Have Been Told for  
Thousands of Years—By J. T. Hull*

AND the huntsman killed the wicked wolf and cut him open, and there was Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother alive and unhurt, and, you may be sure, both very thankful to their rescuers." There was a momentary silence in the group around the Christmas tree as Dad finished his story and proceeded to refill his pipe. Then little Muriel, who has reached the age when she doesn't believe all she hears, broke the silence with the query: "But how could Red Riding Hood and her grandmother be alive after they had been eaten by the wolf?"

The rest sat up and took notice; this was an interesting poser.

"Well," said Dad, "that is a fair question but it needs another story, one you have never heard, but it is a true story and I think you will like it. Shall I tell it?"

"Sure," they all cried and settled back expectantly among the cushions, after they had reached out for a handful of candies.

Dad laid aside his pipe, gazed attentively at the Christmas tree for a moment as if he expected to see his story in it—as perhaps he might, because grown-ups can often see more in a Christmas tree than children—and began his story.

I was coming down the street the other day and I saw a very little boy vigorously pounding his wagon with a stick. I asked him what was the matter and he said something about his wagon going somewhere he didn't want it to go and turning over and toppling him out, and he was giving it a pounding to make it do what he thought it ought to do. That little boy, somehow, thought that his wagon was like himself; it could be naughty and it could be good and could be made to do things just as he was made to do them. All very little children think like that, indeed, even grown-ups sometimes kick a chair on which they have barked their shins and get mad at their automobiles when they go wrong, just as if it was the fault of the chair or the automobile.

Now, many, many thousands of years ago when the world as you might say was young, grown-up people used to think very much as little children think. If you can use your imagination you can think of them as men and women who never grew out of being children. These men and women saw around them in the world all kinds of things, some that frightened them, some that pleased them, and they explained these things in a childish way. They saw the sun rise, pass majestically over the sky and set; they felt its rays at one time warm and pleasant, at other times hot and disagreeable; they saw fierce storms and felt the lash of bitter winds and the soothing of gentle warm winds; they saw the clouds in the sky sometimes white and fleecy and in strange shapes, and at other times dark, black and forbidding; they heard the roar of thunder and saw the vivid lightning flash; they saw the earth covered with green vegetation and many colored flowers and they saw the vegetation and the flowers disappear and the earth become bleak and dreary. They tried to explain all these things and they did it as the boy did with his wagon. They said these things, somehow, had life and acted as they did for the same kind of reason as men and women. So the sun, moon and stars, the clouds and winds, the flowing rivers and the growing trees, the earth itself were pictured in the mind of our far away forefathers as real living things, some of which were the friends of man and some his enemies. You can easily imagine how the sun, for instance, was thought of as a friend and the storms and thunder and lightning as enemies.

So our forefathers spoke of thunder as the roaring of a fierce beast and the lightning as a brilliant serpent darting across the sky; they pictured the clouds as heavenly cows and rain as milk from them fed to a thirsty earth. The black storm clouds were mighty dragons seeking to devour their greatest and most powerful friend, the sun or the gentle rain clouds. Night also was pictured as a terrible beast which swallowed up the earth and also the sun, but was always conquered by the sun in another form. To account for all the things we call nature these people filled the sky, the woods, the hills, the valleys, with beings that were either friendly to them or unfriendly. That was what we would call their religion which had good gods and bad ones, out of which came the fairies and

trolls, the giants and dwarfs, nymphs and elves, and all the wonderful people you read about in your fairy tales.

In these fairy tales you read of heroes fighting with monsters to rescue people enslaved by the monsters, or beautiful maidens who are shut up in dark, deep dungeons or enchanted castles; of love-sick princes travelling over the world looking for some charming princess and doing all kinds of marvellous things to get them for their brides; of cunning dwarfs and cruel giants; elves that come out and dance in the moonlight and fairies that do good and some that don't; of witches who possess wonderful powers; of animals that talk, rivers that stop flowing at the word of command and potions that transform men into animals or stone, and so on. All these stories come to us from the people who passed on the stories which our far away ancestors told of the sun, moon and stars, clouds and winds, night and day, summer and winter. Through the thousands of years in which these stories have been handed down men have been learning things and as they began to see the mistakes our ancestors made in their explanation of nature the stories were changed until they became just stories for children. But their real meaning can still be seen in some of them. In the story of Vassalissa the Beautiful, for example, Vassalissa is sent by her cruel stepmother and jealous sisters through a dark wood to the house of a witch to get fire. On the way she meets with a horseman, clad in white and on a white horse and, says the story, "day began to dawn." She goes on and meets a horseman clad in red and on a red horse and "the sun began to rise." She goes on all day and then meets with a horseman clad in black and on a black horse and "night fell." So when she reached the witch's home she asked, "Who was the white horseman?" "That," said the witch, "was my clear day." "Who was the red horseman?" "That was my red sun." "Who was the black horseman?" "That was my black night. They are all my trusty friends." In that story you can easily see the history of the dawn, sunrise and sunset told in fairy tale style.

Now let us see if we can trace the meaning in some of the stories you know. We will start with Red Riding Hood. In this story Red Riding Hood is the sun travelling to bring comfort to her grandmother who is the earth. She becomes the evening sun and with her grandmother the earth is swallowed up by the hungry wolf, which is the night. Then comes the huntsman, who is the morning sun, in all his strength and dispels the darkness, that is, kills the wolf and sets free Red Riding Hood and her grandmother, and of course, as the wolf can be revived just as easily as those he had eaten, in a fairy tale, why the whole business can go on every day, that is night will fall every day and the sun will rise every day.

Take another story, Cinderella and her Glass Slipper. If you have ever been up very early in the morning you will have seen light travelling across the sky just before the sun rises. That is the dawn and it is brighter the nearer it is to the sun. Cinderella is the dawn maiden, beautiful when near the prince, the sun, drab and sombre when away from him. Her bad stepmother is the darkness and her envious sisters are the clouds, both of whom come between Cinderella and her prince. The dawn always flies before the sun and so in the real old tale the prince always pursues Cinderella, but never catches her, but nowadays people like to have a nice ending to stories and so the prince is made finally to catch her and they get married and live happy ever afterwards.

Now these fairy tales are told all over the world, nearly every country having just such fairy tales as you know because they all came from the same beginnings. So in the old Greek story Cinderella is bathing when an eagle comes and steals her slipper and takes it off to the King of Egypt. He believes that only a very beautiful maiden could wear such a slipper and he sends out messengers to find her. They succeed and she is brought to the king who of course falls in love with her and they get married. The story as told in India is that a prince gives his daughter a pair of jewelled slippers and one day when she is out gathering flowers on a mountain side she loses one of her

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# Step Savers Worth Money

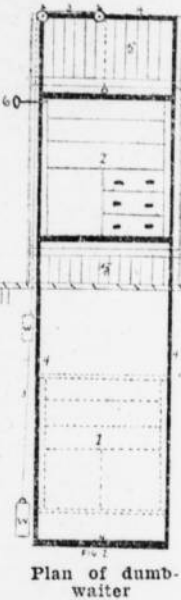
*Ideas from Practical Farm Women for the Home Carpenter*

**I**N response to the request made to The Guide readers for ideas that save time, energy and money, a large number of helpful suggestions were received. A few of these conveniences and labor-savers appear below. Through studying the descriptions and drawings they can be made at home by the man or the woman accustomed to wielding a hammer and saw.

## A Dumb-waiter

It is true a dumb-waiter can be bought, but it is quite easy to construct one nearly as efficient as those made in the factory. The following is the way to build it. See Fig. 1, the very heavy shaded parts represent pieces of 2-inch by 6-inch lumber and constitute the frame (4.4.4.4.) fig. 1. In the top piece countersink two pulleys (2.2.) fig. 1.

(3) is a rope running over the pulleys, one end being tied to the victual cabinet and the other end fastened to a weight (W) heavy enough to counter-balance the dumb-waiter when holding half a load. The weight is made from a box filled with cement. Shelves may be fitted in the cabinet to suit your purpose. Upon the top and bottom of the victual cabinet there should be two strips nailed, as shown in fig. 2, to act as guides. They are made of 2-inch by 8-inch and they notch to fit the pieces of 2-inch by 6-inch. The casing (5) may now be easily built around and doors hung at the opening if desired. (6) is a slide bolt to check the cabinet if heavily laden. If it is built about 7 inches from the wall the space may be used for hanging dish pans, etc. No hole is required in the floor for the weight. It may be thought that it would be hard to operate but



Plan of dumb-waiter

off the doors. If it happens that the drawers are not in a convenient place for opening frequently they can be used for storing winter clothes in summer or vice versa.—Mrs. C. B.

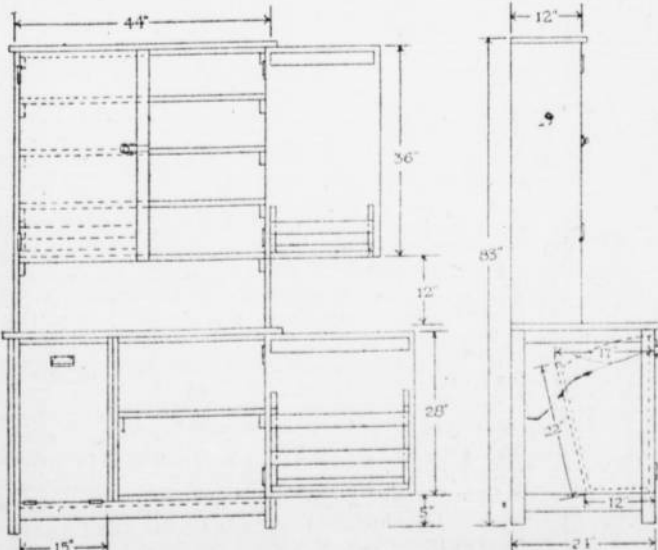
## A Kitchen Cabinet

My home-made cabinet is built of good material costing about \$8.00, but it could easily be constructed of cheaper stuff. We used well-finished V-joint lumber with plain boards for shelves. The lower part is 2 feet 10 inches high, 2 feet deep and 3 feet by 8 inches long. These are outside measurements. Make a frame of 2-inch by 2-inch and put a 3-inch strip around it 2 feet from the floor. To the back of this strip nail a piece 2 inches wide for the floor of the cabinet to rest on. Use ordinary inch boards for the floor. On the sides, V-joint lumber looks best, but the back can be made of plain wood. Make the table top of well-seasoned inch boards. Underneath nail an inch strip across the front. This prevents the bin from tipping out and holds the door of the lower cupboard in place.

Divide the space into two parts using an inch board for a partition. At the left leave enough room for a bin to tilt back and forth easily. Make the bin 15 inches wide, using V-joint lumber. The back and sides are made of narrow boards. The back is 15 inches wide and is built high enough to catch on the inch strip underneath the table top when tilted forward. The width of the sides is 17 inches at the largest part. Attach the bin at the bottom with two hinges and put a drawer handle on the front for pulling out the bin.

In the space at the right nail two cleats for holding a half shelf, making it loose enough to slide to the front for convenience. Build a rack on the door to hold pie plates and pot covers. A simple cupboard catch holds the door in place.

Make the top section of the cabinet 12 inches wide and about 4 feet high. Put in three shelves the full width of the top. The highest one I use for tablecloths, towels, aprons, etc., which are in daily use. The others I use for dishes. Between the table and the lowest shelf make a narrow shelf for holding coffee, tea, salt, rice, tapioca, etc. Coffee cans are a handy size and can be painted and labelled according to the contents. The shelves are closed in by two doors of V-joint lumber. On each build a rack for flavorings and spices making it fit the space in front of the narrow shelf. Above the racks fasten a pencil and



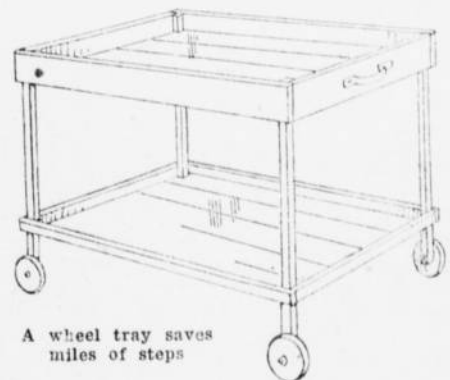
Front and side views of a home-made kitchen cabinet

paper for jotting down supplies that are needed. Stain and varnish the cabinet to match the woodwork of the kitchen. Paste white oilcloth on the table.—Mrs. J.A.S.

**Editor's note.** The table of a cabinet should be about 34 inches high for a woman of average height. A low working surface causes unnecessary fatigue. 12 inches should always be allowed between the bottom of the doors and the top of the table if mixing is to be done comfortably at the cabinet. The top shelf of a cabinet should never be more than six feet from the floor. If a person is short it should be lower still. Narrow shelves are better than very wide ones as there is less tendency to place containers two-deep, which makes it hard to find them.

**Handy Stool**  
One of the most useful labor-saving devices is my kitchen stool. My husband who is

clever at carpentering made it from some cuttings of lumber left after building. First he made the box. The two ends measure 4 inches square while two sides are 4 inches by 9 inches, and the remaining sides are 5 1/2 inches by 9 inches. From a 6-inch board he cut four legs 2 inches wide and 26 inches long. These he nailed diagonally across the box making them firm and solid. The round or eight-sided top which is 12 inches in diameter is cut from a



A wheel tray saves miles of steps

plank or 6-inch boards joined together with glue. Two thicknesses are necessary. To make the stool look nice, stain and varnish it to match the kitchen woodwork. It can be used for washing dishes, ironing, peeling potatoes and numerous other things when there is no need to stand.—Mrs. P.N.E.

## Wheel Tray or Tea Wagon

I have a home-made convenience that has saved me many steps. We call it a "wheel table." It is a small wagon with two table tops on wheels so it can easily be moved from one room to another. I found it very awkward having to carry used dishes and left over food from the dining-room to kitchen and cellar door after every meal. As I usually made four or five trips back and forth, I told Jack about this and he wanted to know how I could help doing it. "I would like a table I could move about—one on wheels," I said. So he began thinking about it. Now I have one at no expense.

The table tops and sides are made from boxes that were about the farm, the legs are four arms off an old binder reel and the "wheels" are blocks cut from a roller off the old binder also. We found we wanted the table to be 2 feet by 1 1/2 feet to fit a corner by the stove. Jack gathered the material together, measured

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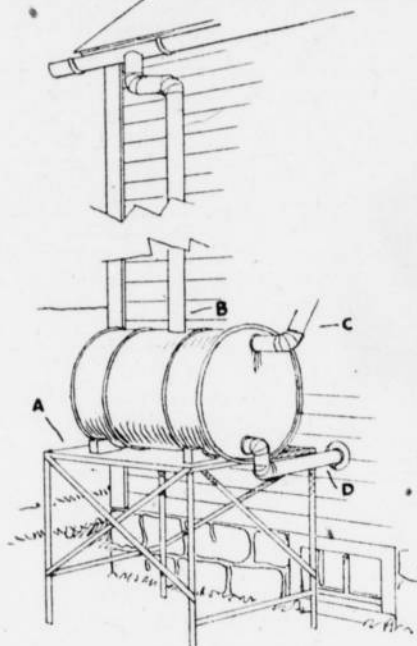
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and sawed it and nailed it together. He then put a board around each shelf a little higher than the top to prevent dishes slipping off. To fasten the wheels he bored holes in the round blocks and the table legs and put a bolt through with a burr between the wheel and leg. He also put a burr on the end of the bolt on the inside of the leg.

This was very good but I found it made quite a noise running on the floor, so I cut some rings off an old inner tube of a car and glued them around the wheels. Jack then painted it, using some paint that had been left in a can. My table cost me no money



Water supply for summer

but is worth a lot in saving me many steps every day.

I keep it by the stove when not in use, so it is ready to carry the dinner into the dining-room. The children delight to wheel it in. I use it as a serving table in the dining-room. After meals I just place the dishes and left-over food on my wheel table and take it all to the kitchen table in one trip.

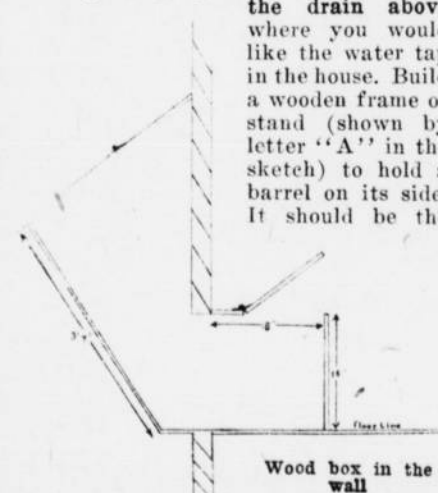
On wash days, I bring in the clothes, fold them, place them on the wheel table and wheel them to the clothes cupboard, thus saving steps and time.

We will find our men folks willing to help us if we will let them know our wants, as nearly every farmer is handy with a saw, square and hammer.—Mrs. J.G.

### Soft Water in the Kitchen

This is a cheap and easy way to have soft water always handy in the kitchen. When putting up eaves troughs leave

the drain above where you would like the water tap in the house. Build a wooden frame or stand (shown by letter "A" in the sketch) to hold a barrel on its side. It should be the



Wood box in the wall

height you wish the tap to be from the floor. The barrel may be raised a couple of inches at the opposite end to the drain plug to allow proper drainage.

A steel barrel with the large hole in the side as shown by "B" in the sketch, is the best, although an ordinary gasoline drum will do by using an elbow on the lower end of the eaves pipe to turn the water into the barrel, "C."

A hole must be made in the wall of the house where the tap is wanted, and a pipe run from the drain hole of the barrel inside the house, "D." A common gas drum tap may be used on the end of this pipe.

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### Wood Box in the Wall

One of the conveniences I want to describe is a wood box which is built in the wall as near as possible to the feed door of the stove. It is filled from the outside so there is no opening of doors in 50 degrees below weather and no mud is brought in. As the wood pile is near the chute on the outside there are few steps to be taken and very little time is required for this necessary chore. A hole 3 feet long by 1½ feet high is cut in the wall just above the floor, and is framed with 2 inch by 4 inch scantling. The box on the inside which measures 3 feet by 1½ feet by 1½ feet is built of 3-inch V-joint lumber—ours is double and has paper between for warmth with a hinged tight-fitting lid. It often helps out if chairs are scarce.

The outside, which is built like a hopper or chute, has a frame of 2 inches by 4 inches and is of matched siding, double, with double paper between and a hinged tight-fitting lid also double. We are in a district where wood is plentiful, but this would also serve for coal. It surely saves both time and labor. So far as it's money value is concerned, I wouldn't care to be without it.—Mrs. D. McE.

Editor's note.—Additional ideas contributed by readers will be published at an early date. The Guide would like to hear of more home-made conveniences and will welcome clear explanations accompanied, if possible, by sketches. The dimensions and materials employed must be stated. Ideas worth using will be paid for. Letters should be addressed to The Household Editor, The Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.



# Vegetables for Winter Days

Eat Garden Stuffs to Avoid Getting Run Down—Ways of Serving Vegetables—By Margaret M. Speechly

**W**HEN the snow comes we are apt to forget that a garden ever existed. Potatoes, like the poor, are always with us (sometimes thrice daily), but what of the other vegetables so necessary for a well-rounded diet? Acidity of the blood, a run-down feeling and a crop of boils in the spring are often caused by insufficient vegetables during the winter. Meats, eggs, cakes, pies and candies which furnish an abundance of calories tend to make the blood acid and need vegetables to keep the balance correct.

Most people can store beets, carrots, vegetable marrows, squash, cabbage, parsnips and turnips, while those who use the cold pack method have an unlimited variety of vegetables at their command.

Most homemakers are forever on the look-out for new ways of serving vegetables so that they can surprise their families. The following suggestions will help them to increase the popularity of winter vegetables.

## Creamed Cabbage With Cheese

2 T. butter  
2 T. flour  
1 1-3 c. milk  
2 T. grated cheese  
Corn flakes or bread-crumbs  
Salt and pepper  
4 c. cooked cabbage

Melt butter in double boiler, add flour and combine. Pour in milk slowly, stirring constantly to prevent lumping. Cook until there is no taste of raw starch left. Add cheese, remove from fire, and season. Put cabbage into a baking dish, pour over sauce, cover with light layer of cornflakes or bread crumbs and place in a moderate oven to brown.

## Stuffed Onions

Peel Spanish onions under water to save the eyes discomfort, removing the thin outer skin. Parboil 10 minutes, remove and cut off a thin slice from the stem ends of the onions. Scoop out the inside and leave only an outer shell, using a paring knife. Fill with left-over meat, fish, nuts or cheese mixed with bread-crumbs and seasoned with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs and place in a covered baking dish or casserole. Add enough water to cover the bottom of the dish. Cover and bake until tender, basting with liquid in dish. Use the scooped-out centres for soups or meat dishes.

## Western Style Peas

1 small onion  
2 c. canned peas  
2 eggs  
2 T. butter  
2-3 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 tsp. drippings

Slice onion and cook in water until done. Drain home canned peas, and save liquid for soups. Press peas through a sieve. Beat eggs slightly, add peas, melted butter and seasonings. Melt dripping in a hot frying pan and drop mixture onto it from the tip of a spoon. When brown on one side turn and finish cooking. Serve on crisp crackers or squares of buttered toast.

## Vegetable Combination

Cook enough onions to cover the bottom of a shallow baking dish. Drain a pint sealer of home canned beans, slice if canned whole, and cover the onions. Add a layer of cooked or canned carrots, sliced lengthwise. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and cover with white or brown sauce. Bake until heated through and slightly brown on top.

## Curried Vegetables

1 large onion  
2 T. fat  
1 c. boiling water  
1/2 tsp. curry powder  
Salt and pepper  
2 c. beans  
1 c. parsnips  
1/2 c. carrots  
2 c. diced potatoes

Slice the onion and fry in the fat until golden brown. Mix the curry powder with boiling water and add to the onion. Boil for six minutes and put in the cooked vegetables which have been chopped and seasoned. Place the pan at back of stove until the vegetables are thoroughly heated through. Variations may be made by using any left-over cooked or home canned vegetables in place of those mentioned in the recipe.

## Tomato Chowder

2 potatoes  
1 c. tomatoes  
2 medium onions  
1 slice salt pork  
2 c. milk  
Salt and pepper

Peel potatoes and cut into small pieces. Drain the pulp from home canned tomatoes (the firmer they are the better) and cut them up. Slice onions. Cut pork into cubes and fry until a golden brown. Add vegetables, cover with boiling water and cook for half an hour. Add milk, season and bring to the boiling point.

## Corn Souffle

1/4 tsp. pepper  
1 c. canned corn  
milk  
1 T. fat  
1/2 tsp. salt  
3 eggs  
Drain the liquid from home canned corn and measure one cupful. To the drained liquid add enough milk to make one cupful and mix the liquid with the corn. Add fat, seasonings and well beaten yolks and place in a double boiler. Cook until smooth and thick like a custard, stirring all the time. Remove from fire and partially cool. Beat whites until stiff and fold into the mixture. Bake in a pudding dish set in hot water. The oven should be slow. After about 40 minutes remove and serve at once. The souffle will fall if allowed to stand.

## Stuffed Marrow or Squash

Peel vegetables, cut in half, remove seeds and spongy parts. Parboil in salted water for 10 minutes and drain. Make a dressing of cooked meat, chicken, or sausage meat mixed with equal parts bread-crumbs. Season well. Bind ingredients together with one or two well beaten eggs. Pile dressing on one half, place the other on top and secure it with string and skewers. Bake until tender in a moderate oven, basting with hot fat.

## Browned Parsnips

Split cooked parsnips down the centre and cut into three-inch lengths. Place in a greased baking dish, sprinkle with brown sugar and dot with small pieces of butter. Brown in a hot oven and baste frequently with the syrup.

## Turnip Croquettes

3 c. mashed turnip  
2 eggs  
Salt and pepper

Beat eggs and add to vegetable. Season, cool, and shape into small croquettes. Roll in bread crumbs and dip in well-beaten egg. Roll in crumbs again and fry in deep fat until a golden brown.

## Frying Pan Carrots

8 medium carrots  
8 T. flour  
4 T. fat  
2 T. salt  
Boiling water

Prepare carrots as usual and cut in thin slices crosswise. Dredge with flour on both sides. Melt fat in a frying pan, add carrots, salt and boiling water to cover. Simmer for about 40 minutes or until tender.

## Tomatoes and Corn au Gratin

2 c. corn  
2 c. tomatoes  
2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tsp. sugar  
2 c. bread-crumbs  
2 T. butter

Mix first five ingredients together. Butter a baking dish and cover the bottom with a layer of vegetables. Sprinkle with bread-crumbs. Continue to fill the dish in this way, finishing with bread-crumbs. Dot the top with small pieces of butter and bake 30 or 40 minutes.

## Christmas Salad


2 c. apples  
2 c. shredded cabbage  
1 c. nuts  
Salad dressing

Wash red apples, polish until shiny, quarter and core without peeling. Chop into small pieces and mix with salad dressing at once. Shred the heart of a firm, white cabbage finely and mix two cups with the apple. Run nuts through the chopper, add to the mixture and put in more salad dressing if necessary. Serve on a white cabbage leaf on individual plates or turn into a salad bowl.

## Spinach and Cheese

Place a layer of home canned spinach, about two inches thick, in a baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover with sliced, hard cooked eggs and grate a thick layer of cheese over the top. Sprinkle with crumbs as a covering and dot with butter.

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### MANITOBA

#### Neepawa District Resolutions

The Progressives—"Resolved that we, the United Farmers of Neepawa district in convention, take this first opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the splendid service rendered by the Progressive members in the recent session of the House of Commons, both generally in giving worthy representation to the rural population and particularly in the efforts which resulted in the reduction of freight rates, saving many millions of dollars for western farmers.

"We further place on record our appreciation of the services of the Hon. T. A. Crerar, as leader of the group, and our regret that circumstances rendered it necessary for him to retire; and we welcome the appointment in his place of another Manitoba representative in the person of Robert Forke, M.P., of Brandon, and tender him our cordial good wishes for success in leading the group to further achievements toward re-establishing the agricultural industry and promoting the well-being of the people."

Payment of Fees—"Whereas at present there is no limit to the time that members of locals may pay their dues during the year;

"And, whereas, in case of political conventions, such a state of affairs may lead to trouble;

"Be it resolved that the district secretary notify each local as to number of delegates to nominating convention at least 15 days before said convention; said number of delegates to be based on provincial and district dues, paid in at time of report."

Temperance—"The United Farmers of Manitoba have always been in the forefront of the fight in this province for a restriction of the liquor traffic, and as a provincial organization we are endorsing and assisting the work of the Social Service Council of Manitoba in the fight for prohibition;

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the Neepawa District U.F.M., wish to place ourselves on record as being opposed to the program of the Moderation League and recommend that our locals put up a strong fight to maintain the present Manitoba Temperance Act, and any new legislation strengthening the act."

United Grain Growers Limited—"During the present financial stringency the United Grain Growers Limited are laboring under financial losses in relations to their many undertakings;

"Therefore be it resolved that we have confidence in their retrenchment methods and ability to rise above the present crisis to become a successful enterprise equal to the task of assisting the farmer in his fight for better commercial conditions and co-operative methods."

Progressive Members—"Whereas in certain sections of the press and elsewhere attempts are being made to create suspicion toward the federal representatives constituting the Progressive group and to leave the impression that they are inclined toward fusion or affiliation which would betray the farmers' cause;

"Be it resolved that we deprecate such attempts as essentially treasonable to our movement and that we reaffirm the faith expressed in our representatives by the votes of the people, having in mind especially the representatives of rural Manitoba, believing them to be good men and true, whose splendid work in the past session is the evidence of yet more outstanding success in future."

Convention Topics—"In view of the fact that questions of vital importance are to be decided at the forthcoming provincial convention and as it is imperative that the votes cast be a true expression of the will of the members of our organization, we would urge upon Central the necessity of publish-

ing at an early date a summary of the more important matters to be dealt with, and we would recommend that each local set apart one meeting for discussion of such questions."

Hail Insurance—"Whereas, hail insurance is essential for the protection of the farming industry and for the maintenance of general financial stability, and,

"Whereas, the premium rate at present charged by line insurance companies is excessive, and is a considerable loss in revenue to farmers, and,

"Whereas, no district in the province can be considered immune from hail

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the Neepawa District U.F.M. do suggest that the provincial government enact a compulsory hail insurance scheme and that the administration of the scheme be left in the hands of municipal councils as far as possible."

Grading and Tests—"Resolved that we offer a protest against the order sent to line elevators not to give only a three-grade for all wheat threshed after a given date, their reasons given that it will be bleached or discolored by being threshed at the end of the season such claims may be correct,

"We further call attention to all producers of wheat to the scientific tests with wheat carried on by our agricultural college experts who have proven that bleached or discolored wheat is capable of producing quantity and quality in flour and baking tests only one and a half per cent. less than a one and two grade wheat,

"And, whereas, such tests proven by experts of an institution associated with our government that the said government or that body of men whose business it may be to correct injustice would do well to consider the tests proven and on record, that they hasten to have that class of wheat at fault graded on merit of production in flour and baking tests—as producers we claim the grading of all wheat out of order and manipulated to bring profit to millers and dealers."

Rural Credits—"Owing to the unusual financial conditions which rural credits have had to meet this past season and the immense volume of adverse criticism which has been levelled against rural credits by other financial institutions, largely for the purpose of trying to break one of the co-operative branches of our organization, we, the members of Neepawa District U.F.M. assembled in Arden, this 24th day of November, 1922, do hereby place ourselves on record as being firmly behind the system of rural credits and recommend that our members personally stand behind the system."

### ALBERTA

#### Red Deer Convention

The annual convention of the Red Deer U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, held at Red Deer, on November 22 and 23, unanimously demanded the creation of a wheat board to handle the 1923 crop. The convention also unanimously endorsed the stand taken by the U.F.A. members at the Winnipeg conference, and declared that if any party committee for the purpose of exercising any kind of control over the political organization of the electorate should be set up by elected members of the House of Commons, it would be a violation of U.F.A. principles for any U.F.A. member to recognize it. The creation of a parliamentary committee for purely legislative purposes was endorsed. In commending the stand of the Alberta members, the convention also by resolution expressed opposition to any plan of so-called "broadening out," and re-affirmed the principles of economic group organization and of co-operation between organized democratic groups upon which the U.F.A. is founded.

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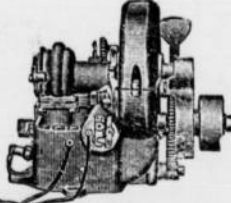
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Other substances such as boracic acid, borax, benzoate of soda, salicylic acid and bisulphite of soda, potash or lime, are allowed for purposes of preservation, provided not more than one kind is used in an article of food. The amount is strictly limited, and its presence must be declared on the main panel of the main label. With such knowledge available, a buyer knows what she is getting. Formaldehyde and other harmful chemicals enumerated in the Food and Drugs Act are forbidden. It is unlawful to add a preservative of any kind to milk or other foods for the use of infants and invalids.

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Besides the foods already mentioned, standards have been set for baking powders, beverages, spices, cooking fats, flavoring extracts, meats and meat products, grain products, sugar and related substances, milk and its products, pepper, sugar, tea, vinegar and others. Manufacturers are given due notice of new regulations and provisions, and are expected to become thoroughly acquainted with the demands of the law.

The inspection of abattoirs and meat packing establishments is as thorough as that of canning factories. In the latter, the inspectors are expert canners who are well versed in all branches of the trade, while in abattoirs, trained veterinarians are employed. In the Meat and Canned Foods Act are many rules concerning the lighting, ventilation, equipment and cleanliness of employees in factories where killing and packing is carried on.

Copies of the Food and Drugs Act of 1920, can be obtained from the Department of Health, Ottawa, while the Meat and Canned Foods Act of 1920, is secured by writing to the Veterinary Director General, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. When sending for this material be sure to ask for the regulations established under both acts, as they contain much valuable information.

While it is impossible to give a detailed description of federal food laws in a single article, it is hoped that the interest of women's organizations in the subject will be aroused. The authorities have done much to safeguard the public since the first legislation was enacted in 1875, but they need the support of intelligent purchasers. After all, we are the people who benefit by the "food insurance" policies of the government so we should co-operate with them as far as possible.

Each province has food laws of its own which regulate the manufacture of food within its boundaries. This kind of legislation has nothing to do with inter-provincial or foreign trade, and is enforced by the local health authorities. Clubs and individuals will learn many interesting things by studying provincial and federal "food insurance."

### Fairy Tales

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slippers and it cannot be found. Later it is found by a prince who takes it to his mother who tells him that the owner must be a very beautiful princess and that he should search for her and marry her. He sets out, taking the slipper with him, and announces that he will make his bride the maiden whose foot the slipper fits. All the girls have a try to get the slipper on, but of course it will only fit the right foot and after a long search he finds the princess and they get married in real princely style.

Now let us look at another kind of story, say Jack the Giant Killer. You know the story of the little hero who plays tricks on a big giant and winds up by killing him. Every country in the world has stories of this brave little chap and its beginning is in the belief of our forefathers in the locking up of the good forces in nature by bad forces and their release by a powerful good force. In India it is Indra whose thunder-bolts slew the dragons of drought and gave the farmers a chance to get crops and raise cattle. In Scandinavia it is Thor who with his hammer beats down the frost giants of the north. In England we get it in the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table who are ever doing battle against fierce dragons and mighty giants who destroy the farmers and their crops. If you ever get a chance to see an English sovereign—they are not as plentiful as they used to be—you will see on one side a picture of St. George fighting with a dragon. We say it represents good overcoming evil and that is the meaning of all these stories of heroes killing giants.

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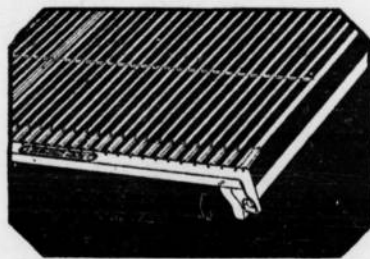
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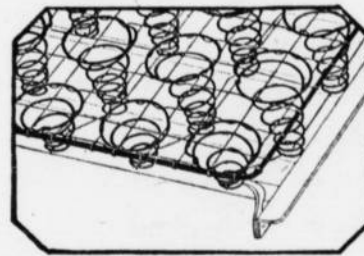
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pay him the money they promised and he began piping a tune that brought all the children together and he led them away from the town to a hill which opened and swallowed up all the children. Our early ancestors had a belief in a land, the Elysian Fields, the abode of the blessed, where there was no trouble or misery, but perpetual happiness and bliss, the enchantment of whose music could be heard on earth if only people would listen. This story of the Piper is a story of this place of happiness. The Piper is death and his music the irresistible strains floating down from the abode of the blest to this earth, and when the Piper pipes there is no disobeying him.

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Christmas night and so to finish I will tell you a funny story which is very, very old, which is sometimes told as if it really happened just a day or two ago, but which must have raised a laugh among our ancestors thousands of years ago.

There was once a man whose wife insisted upon going out to parties and staying out so very late that he thought he would have to teach her a lesson. She went out to a party one night and did not come back until well on in the morning, so when she tried the door she found it locked. She knocked and her husband put his head out of the window and asked, "Who is there?" "It's your wife," she replied. "Open the door and let me in." "It's so dark I cannot see you," he answered, "and I don't recognize your voice. You will have to stay there till daylight." "If you don't let me in," she

replied, "I will go and drown myself in the well." "I don't know you," he said and shut the window. The woman then went and got a log of wood and going to the well dropped it in. It made a great splash which the husband heard and he got up and rushed out to try and save her. When he was at the well the woman slipped into the house and locked the door. The man soon discovered that his wife was not in the well and he ran back to the house and began hammering on the door. His wife opened the window. "Who's there," she asked. "Don't be foolish," said the man. "I was only joking; open the door and let me in." "I don't know what you mean," she said. "It is so dark I cannot see you and I don't recognize your voice. You will have to stay there till daylight." And she shut the window and I guess he stayed unless she changed her mind.



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## Why Not a Play?

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A word as to costuming. Most of the modern short plays require only everyday costumes. The historical and romantic costume drama require more. Young people dearly love to "dress up" and if you decide on a play that requires considerable planning of costume it is well to do this very carefully or else the costumes become caricatures instead of a work of art. With dyes and soft materials that drape easily such as cheesecloth and silk muslin, it is possible to work out very artistic color schemes. Most of us love color, but the combination of colors has to be well chosen or it repels rather than charms.

As for lighting. The old idea was to have quantity rather than quality. With properly placed and shaded lamps a very artistic effect can be secured. Remember that a bright glaring light shows up in detail all the flaws that may exist in the stage setting and costumes. The soft light lends kinder touches to the whole scene. Study the lighting of the stage from all angles of the room and find out just what best suits the particular needs of the stage you are to use.

With the play chosen, then the cast must set to work. The practice should not be spread over too great a period of time in case that the play becomes stale and tiring to the actors. A month ought to be sufficient although it may take six weeks in some country communities where, on account of distance, it may be difficult to get the people together. Hold the rehearsals just as close together as possible. Intensive work brings the best results. Insist on promptness at rehearsals as it is very unfair to let a few tardy members waste the time of the whole group. Some amateurs need much encouragement to overcome self-consciousness and to offset inexperience. They require tactful discipline and reiterated instruction. This is where the personality of the director counts most. Recognition of his authority will prevent possible friction when tired nerves are apt to be on edge. His enthusiasm and hopes will go far to keep everyone cheerful in spite of unavoidable setbacks.

Plan the publicity work carefully and have someone responsible for press publicity and for the distribution of posters. Seek in every way you can to establish a friendly and sympathetic interest in the actors and the play. Of course the financial result of the effort is very important, and it needs a careful manager in charge. Again let it be repeated that at least part of the funds ought to be turned back for future use in developing more artistic work. Only by doing this can you hope to ever raise the standard of work done. Otherwise you will always be hampered by the same conditions.

Once a play has been mastered and it proves worth while it is well to repeat it as many times as possible. Most small towns, villages and country communities, where there is a lack of other amusements, can turn out a good crowd for two successive nights' performances. The oftener amateur actors appear before an audience the better they will do. Many dramatic groups try the plan of visiting neighboring towns and villages and find that the interest is not far behind that of their home-town friends. Each production becomes more finished and they establish a neighborly interest which goes far to lighten what otherwise might be a dull winter season.

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## A Motto on the Wall

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"Say, come on out and join me, won't you?" Silence. He threw a second bun. "R.S.V.P.," he persisted.

A quick movement of the curtains and the light was playing brightly along the barrel of a thirty-two, backed by a black mask through the holes of which a pair of eyes burned at him.

"Er—that is—Good morning," greeted Mr. Potts with an amiable grin. "Hungry? Let me offer you a raw egg—best thing in the world for weak nerves—equal to a pound of meat, some people claim—"

"Don't get gay! Cut it out!" growled the man huskily. He took a threatening step forward.

"You seem to have a slight cold," commented Mr. Potts, quite matter of fact. "Ever try a tablespoonful of whisky and two of olive oil? You take it every three or four hours—"

"Forget it!" rasped the burglar with an oath.

"Softer. We'll be waking some of the fellows upstairs first thing you know and the landlady wouldn't like that. Neither would you." He grinned widely. "You didn't know this was a boarding-house perhaps? Well, it is." He nodded at the revolver. "Better put that thing away before it goes off."

"Look here, you! I don't want none o' your lip!"

"Ssh! Not so loud for the love o' Pete!" admonished Potts sharply. "This is a boarding-house I tell you. If you only knew what they did to Stinson for waking 'em up—Wow! Quasi Handel, Stinson is—came down to the piano there at midnight to run over some notes he'd dreamed—nothing on but his nightie—bunch mobbed him!"

He beamed on the intruder with such apparent goodwill that the latter seemed somewhat uncertain—a very young burglar indeed. Amby Potts smiled pleasantly; his shrewd eyes had been very busy for more than a minute. Below the mask was a weak mouth that now and then trembled oddly; below that again was an indecisive chin; above the mask, just at the edge of the blond hair and running up into it was something which made Potts lean forward with sudden interest, studying the figure intently. Amby laughed a little.

"Smoke?" Mr. Potts tossed a cigar across the table and calmly proceeded to light one for himself. But the other voiced his impatience.

"Seein's you're so smart, Mister, guess you know what I want. Shell out now and get a move on you! Hand over that watch to start with." He stepped across to the table and wobbled the revolver suggestively; but Amby waved it away.

"Put it down. I aint going to hurt you," he grinned. "And you're not going to hurt me. And we both know it. So sit down and listen. I want to talk to you. You're in a pretty bad fix right now, you know, if I care to say so. You couldn't get out of here if a row were raised; you'd be caught sure. So you'll put the gun in your pocket—I said," repeated Potts politely, "that you'd put the gun in your pocket—Ah, thank you, kindly. Now, if you'll allow me—" he scratched a match and held it to the tip of the other's cigar.

"That's better," commended Amby with a nod. "You know, fellows given to making hungry reaches for things don't always get 'em; it's a bum way to do business. I don't like you in that black thing—Take it off."

"You're a rum one," chuckled the burglar. "I've cut my eye teeth, Mister. I'm lettin' you handle this show your own way; but if you don't fancy my costume for the occasion, don't forget it's yours truly that's runnin' the box-office. Lead on Macduff!"

"Ho-ho, a learned burglar! Yea, a learned burglar!" grinned Amby. "How much more elder art thou than thy looks! Say, if you wear that mask as a disguise, why don't you make it big enough to hide that peculiar scar just below your front hair? That's where that pet donkey of yours kicked you, isn't it?"

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"What—d'you mean?" he demanded with a gasp. "What d'you mean?" he repeated sharply.

"You heard what I said. You're playing to mighty bad business, my young friend—Oh, sit still! Nobody's going to hurt you, even if I do know who you are. Yes, I know you. Last night you broke into the Smallman residence, and tonight you're here; I guess you didn't get anything worth while over there and you're not going to get anything at all here and that's what I call being a mighty bad performer—lucky for you." All the levity was gone from Pott's voice and manner now. "If you've got it jotted down anywhere that you're due to make a haul out of this house, you can draw your gold-mounted pencil through that item right now. Do you see that old arm-chair over there? And that old writing-desk in the corner—ever see those things before? You may not have had time to examine the coffin-plates and funeral wreaths in that old-fashioned frame on the wall over there; but do so by all means. Then tell me if you recognize this handwriting."

He tossed Miss Debby's note across the table as he spoke and the dawning amazement of the young burglar turned suddenly to a panic of fear. He tore the mask from his face and the cigar fell from his shaking fingers. He was very pale and with a queer, smothered cry he leaped from his seat and made for the door; but he was dealing with a man who anticipated him.

"Let me by!" cried the boy hoarsely. "Let me by! Don't you understand? Get out of my way or I'll—!"

"Not so loud, you darn fool!" cried Potts angrily, shoving him back into his chair with no gentle hand. "It's because I do understand that you'll sit where you are till I get through with you. I've got a whole lot to say to you, young man, and I rather guess you'll listen to it."

He locked the door and dropping the key into his pocket eyed the trembling prisoner in disgust. The face he studied was that of a young man, marred by lines of bitter cynicism and made haggard by the fear that gripped him. His eyes roved restlessly and his one apprehension now seemed to be the possibility of waking the rest of the household.

"Now, then, we'll have this thing out right here." Amby Potts went quietly back to his chair and resumed his cigar. "What have you got to say for yourself?"

"What right have you to butt in on my affairs? Who are you, anyway?" demanded the other resentfully.

"Potts, is my name. I am on the night staff of the Sun. I handle the telegraph."

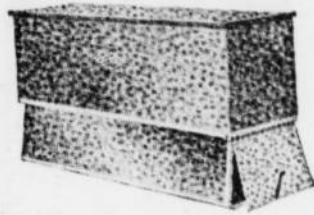
"Well?"

"Come, come, you're not as dense as all that. A despatch came through one night over the wire—from the coast. Believe me, I know what I'm talking about. Your name is Jed Austin; you were arrested for obtaining money under false pretences and they jailed you in Vancouver; you've just finished serving six months and here you are—trying to get back into the coop by the house-breaking route. I take it you are fond of the jail?"

The younger man had seemed to shrink where he sat. His eyes fell before that steady gaze that bored him with accusation. But he looked up now with a touch of defiance.

"Listen, Mr. Potts. I'll tell you," he began eagerly. He pointed a shaking finger. "I've been in jail—yes—for something I didn't do. That's the straight goods. They started taking on girls and cutting down expenses and I lost my job. For a time I was out of work, then I got a chance to go after magazine subscriptions with a man who was organizing a crew of canvassers—he and his wife—said he was the magazine's circulation manager, and it turned out he hadn't any authority at all to take the subscriptions, and as fast as I turned them in he pocketed the whole thing. We worked through Alberta and into B.C., and were certainly picking 'em up; then this guy does a vanishing act and I come in one night to find myself pinched. That was the first I knew the thing was crooked; but I couldn't prove it. I hadn't a friend

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"Tell me, did you know this was your aunt's house when you broke in here?" demanded Potts.

"No, no! I swear it. I thought she was still living out in St. James. I didn't know she'd moved." He pleaded to be believed.

As Amby noted the quivering chin he nodded slowly and his tone altered.

"I am glad of that, Jed. If you hadn't been so lax in your correspondence you'd have known she'd moved. It's a mighty tough old world, this, at times, and often it slaps the face of the wrong man and puts its gifts in the wrong pockets. After your uncle died your aunt was forced to take in roomers to make ends meet. I wouldn't take affidavit that the ends do come together. To a sensitive woman who has known better things running a boarding house is—damnable, Austin. Boarders may not be pigs exactly, according to physiology; but—well, they like a lot and at best, what can you expect from a pig but a grunt? Miss Debby is one woman in a thousand—the best friend you have in the world, Jed—and she deserves a better deal than you have been handing her.

"She's told me quite a lot about you," Amby went on. "She told me how you got that scar. To hear her talk one would think you had wings. She still thinks you're a little fellow in plaid stockings and button boots with a blue sash and flaxen curls—the same as in the black walnut frame that hangs in the hall upstairs. You're the only one of the family left to her, Jed.

"It's because of her I'm asking you to get the kinks out of your line of vision before it's too late. It's no trick to get sore and go crooked; the trick is to go straight and grin when a stiff punch lands on your solar-plexus. There's no room for a sore-head in the Flower-Garden of Prosperity and Happiness. By the way—you do not know that I've been trying to find you ever since you got out of jail. Funny how things turn out sometimes, eh?"

"Trying to find me? What do you mean?"

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"Martha—my wife—is looking after the Eden Valley end of it, and will take care of her. We're having dinner here noon and right after that we are all going down to the station to pack her off on the train for Eden Valley—the rest of the boarders and myself, y'understand. We've bought her a dandy new fur coat for our combined Christmas gift, and she doesn't know a blame thing about it." Amby's eyes danced. "She'll have the time of her life!" he chuckled enthusiastically. "And now on top of all that you're on deck to escort her—Oh, boy!"

"No, wait a minute now. I want you to go down there with her. I'll give you a letter to my wife and she will explain everything. I want you to accept a job as manager of my household supplies peddling business down there, and I want you to look over the property available and plan to set your aunt up in permanent quarters in Eden Valley. She's lonesome for it, Jed—and lonesome for you. And when one begins to descend the western slope of life it is an awful thing to be lonesome like that. Now, are you game to carry out my program and to quit making a darn fool of yourself?"



Young Austin was on his feet, his face working with emotion. His eyes filled with tears.

"I never saw you before tonight, Mr. Potts. Why—why are you doing all this?"

"Look here, kid," said Amby gruffly, "never mind asking fool questions." He caught him by the shoulder and swung him about till he faced the wall. "That little motto up there—it's hers. She clipped it out of a magazine—'What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for one another?' I tell you, Jed, she's worth the very best you can give her. She's pure gold, Miss Debby, and I want you to blow in here Christmas morning like—like a regular Santa Claus—"

The young man's face suddenly went blank. All the light went from his eyes and his figure sagged in utter dejection.

"I—I can't face her," he muttered miserably. "She will never forgive what's already happened. She will look on that as a lasting disgrace—"

"She thinks you're still holding down your original job in Vancouver," grinned Potts. "She's watching the mails every day for a letter from you and wondering why you don't write; but that's all."

"You mean—she doesn't know?" gasped the boy.

"Not a darn thing. I handle the telegraphic news for the Sun, I told you. If you must know, I blocked that despatch which told of your arrest and made it my business to see that the other local papers did not use it and that the item didn't reach her from other sources."

Jed Austin could not speak as they crept quietly along the dark hallway to the front door. Potts let him out noiselessly, and slipped a bill into the boy's pocket as he did so.

"Mr. Potts—I!" he gulped.  
"Aw, the deuce!" growled Amby.  
"I'm too sleepy to stand here and talk. Skidoo, you! Merry Christmas!"

## Horse Sense

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harmony with his will, until he would develop the habit of working with me. I had learned that running backwards was a confirmed habit, I therefore took hold of his bridle and told him to "back," and at the same time pressed him gently in that direction. He certainly responded with a speed which surprised me. I gave him a slack line and, as I expected, being unmolested, he did not go far enough to throw himself. I allowed him to stand for several minutes, during which I patted him and occupied his attention in any way I deemed effective. Then I gave him another run backwards as above described. I then unharnessed him and rubbed him, blanketed him and fed him, as if he had done an honest day's work.

His owner watched the process with mingled feelings of merriment and disgust. He only ventured to remark that "all the fools were not dead yet." At noon I returned and again harnessed Johnny with nothing differing sufficiently from the former occasion to require separate description. My treatment after the workout was also similar to that described above. The distinctive features of my attitude were self-control and kindness. I returned in the evening and again harnessed my hero, and this time I succeeded in getting him to "back" the rig around the yard for 20 minutes in an orderly fashion, and at the end of this period I put my arm over his neck and told him to come forward, and he responded. I led him around the place for half an hour or so and put him away in a manner which made him feel decidedly proud of himself, and also, I suspect, he was feeling as if human kind was not as bad as he had been led to suppose.

The next morning when I "hitched" him, still using the sack and twitch, I did not send him backwards at all, and I found him quite willing to come "forward." In other words, I had succeeded in putting the head on the other end. After leading him around for an indefinite period I let him go and jumped into the rig as he went by and drove him 15 miles. Johnny was



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trained. My only precaution, for two weeks, was to be careful not to ask him to do what he was not likely to do and never to check him from doing what he wanted to do. That is, I still acted with him, as a means of getting him to act with me. If I stopped him at the door to take passengers, and he started before they got into the rig, I let him go, in fact I told him to go, and drove him around the yard and stopped him at the door again. Sometimes I made three trips around the house before I could get one passenger into the rig. But if I had endeavored to stop him when he was "fresh" and restive the chances are that he would have made trouble. My policy was to avoid trouble until he would forget the former combats and form the habit of obedience to my will. Further details would be superfluous. It is enough to say that Johnny became one of the best horses in the district, and few, if any, would match him either for a mile or 50 times the distance.

It remains now but to indicate the principles of horsemanship which are illustrated in the above description. In the first place this process is not laid down as a general law to be applied to all animals. There is no general law for training horses, because every horse is a living animal with a disposition of his own. Here is where I consider many horse trainers are unsuccessful. You may have a fixed law for starting and driving an automobile, because it is a mechanical construction. But a horse is a living creature and his reactions cannot be definitely calculated. The implication is rather that every animal's temperament should be studied and the treatment intelligently adjusted to meet the special case. Horses are trained by outwitting them rather than by smashing through their peculiarities by brute force. A strong will and a high spirit are assets and they are to be directed for use rather than "broken."

Again, a horse should be trained by taking the line of the least resistance. Those who failed with Johnny took him at the point of the greatest resistance and the least co-operation, whereas I succeeded by meeting him where the resistance was least and the co-operation the greatest. If a colt shows a dislike for one type of work I would remove him from it quietly before his dislike became rebellion and put him at what he will do with least friction. As he cannot reason in the ordinary sense of the term he will soon become a creature of habit, and when his habits are formed he is not far from a machine. Developing those habits where it is easiest to obtain the desired responses serves both the law of human kindness and the law of common sense. Man has dominion over the creatures, and "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain," waiting for his redemption. The beautiful creatures that serve us look up with pleading, wondering eyes,

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### PRIZES FOR GUIDE READERS

There are many things worth the telling which can best be told from actual experience. This month we are offering our readers five contests, outlined below. There are three prizes for each contest, \$4.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 for the first three best letters on the following subjects:

1. **HOW WE PUT ON A PLAY**—These letters will tell how the play was chosen, how the work was organized, plans for rehearsals, method of getting all the necessary equipment, the success of the play from social and financial standpoints.

2. **THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FARM WOMAN I HAVE KNOWN**—This must be someone you know or have known (we will hold the name in confidence if so desired by contributor.) Tell wherein you consider her "success" lay. This may be a woman who was an exceptional homemaker, a good manager in case of illness and bereavement, a model housekeeper, a leader in community work, a successful money maker, etc.

3. **THE MOST SUCCESSFUL RURAL CHURCH I KNOW OF**—This must be a description of a church you actually know. It may be that that church has had an exceptional minister in charge; it may be that there have been good live local leaders to help its work along, but whatever the reason is the church has been a real force in the community.

4. **HOW WE PLANNED FOR AND SECURED BETTER MUSIC IN OUR COMMUNITY**—Anything that any individual has done to secure for himself a musical education while living in the country, or that a rural community as a whole has been able to do along this line is wanted. This may be the securing of the services of a teacher, organizing a choir, glee club, an orchestra, band or community singing.

5. **THE BEST CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT WE EVER HAD**—These letters may describe an entertainment put on by a church, school, lodge or by any other agency. They must tell how the programs were planned, what materials were used, where they were secured, how the preparations were managed and the success of the entertainment itself.

### RULES OF THE CONTEST

Letters must be written in ink and on only one side of the sheet of paper. Name and address of sender should be written on separate sheet.

Any contributor may write on as many of these contests as he wishes. All letters except those on number one must be in our hands by February 1. Those in the contest on plays will be received up till March 26, so that dramatic work done this winter may be described. The sooner the letters come the better.

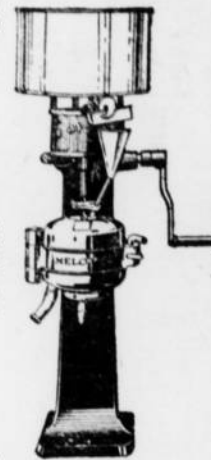
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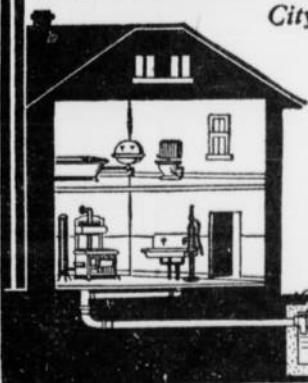


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The secretaries' conference, held in Calgary, in the Hood and Irvine Hall, discussed various means for making local meetings more interesting and useful, and for arousing and keeping up the interest of their members. Some of the methods suggested were the arrangement of programs well in advance, and giving all members some definite responsibility. A visiting committee, to keep in touch with non-members and inform them as to what the local was doing, was suggested. Conducting meetings according to parliamentary rules of order was strongly advised. Interchange of visits with neighboring locals, debating contests, entertainments by juniors, social gatherings, co-operative shipping and co-operative

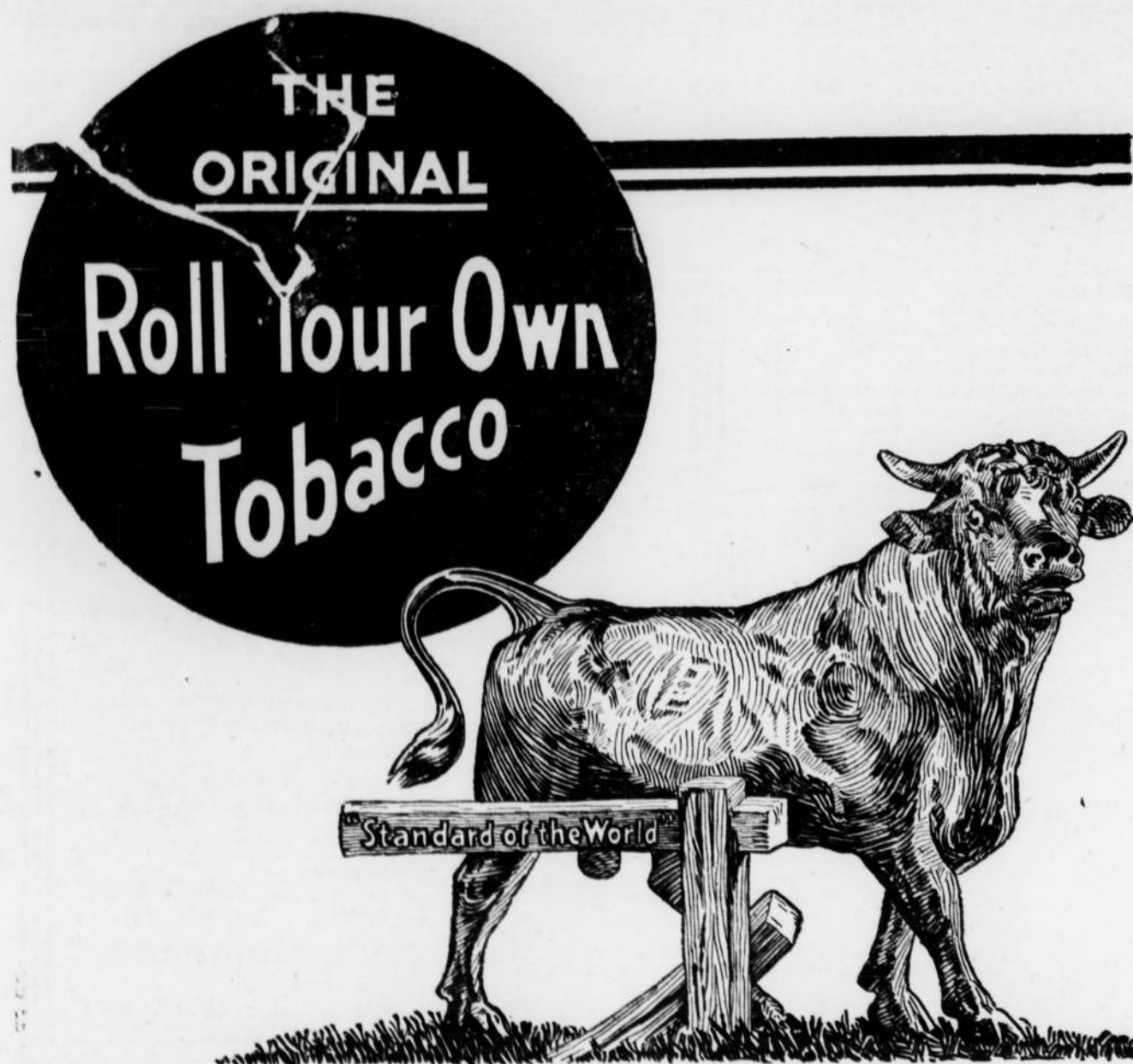


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buying were all suggested as means of stimulating interest.

The conference was addressed by H. E. G. H. Scholefield, who pointed out the necessity of keeping the organization up to strength, and some of the material benefits that had already accrued; Mrs. Sears, who spoke on Women's Place in the Organization, H. E. Spencer, M.P., G. G. Coote, M.P., N. S. Smith, M.L.A., and J. C. Buckley, M.L.A.

President Wood also spoke to the secretaries, dealing with the decrease in membership, which, he said, was due to a natural reaction. Other farmers' organizations that had gone down had left behind them their organization when going into political action; but the U.F.A. had gone into politics as an organization. If the organization remained true to basic democratic principles, as he believed it was doing, the tide would rise again in the organization. Throughout the province there were many farmers who were just as good U.F.A. men as any in the conference, who were not paying their dues because they simply had not the money to pay with.

Speaking on the importance of selecting men and women for leadership in locals who would be willing to assume a large share of work and responsibility, Mr. Wood said that, under existing conditions, it was right that secretaries should have more than their equal share of work.

The conference was attended by about seventy secretaries or their substitutes. H. W. Leonard, Tudor, was the chairman, and J. H. Clipston, Wainwright, secretary.

### SASKATCHEWAN

#### Winter Program

Locals of the S.G.G.A. are taking up their winter's work in earnest. There appears to be a greater demand than ever before for literature bearing on the suggestive winter's program, and a large quantity of this material is being sent out.

There is quite a demand for literature on Banking, which seems to have first preference in the list of subjects included in the program, and it is evident that this matter is going to receive a good deal of attention from members of the association before the matter of revision of the Bank Act comes up in parliament.

It is apparent, also, that considerable interest is going to be taken in the subject of Grain Marketing, Immigration, etc., all of which suggests that members of the S.G.G.A. are going to be thoroughly alive to the things that matter when "winter comes."

#### Marquis and Political Action

The Marquis G.G.A. recently asked Central for a copy of the resolution on provincial political action passed at the last annual convention of the association, with a view to the discussion of the subject at the next meeting of the local.

#### St. Louis Makes Big Increase

F. Lunan, Hoey, Sask., writing the Central office a few days ago, said: "At our own meeting last night of the St. Louis local, we appointed two captains who chose up sides for a canvass of our district. The losing side pays for an oyster supper for the local." The captains of the teams were J. M. P. McLeod, and C. E. Bond.

The thoroughness with which these teams did their work is shown by the fact that Mr. McLeod's team secured 152 members, and their rivals 82, making a total of 234 members for the year 1923. Rocanville at present heads the list of locals with a total of 308 members, so the St. Louis will run it a fairly close second.

F. Lunan is organizer for that portion of St. Louis Municipality which is within the Kinistino constituency.

#### Convention Credentials

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is entitled, the department must have the local's full report for the year 1922, together with a complete list of its members. It will also help considerably if delegates' names are sent in on forms already supplied for the purpose.

Heretofore the time allowed for this matter has been too short to allow satisfactory service, it being ascertained at too late a date just when the convention would take place. This year it is already known and with the co-operation of every secretary credentials should be in the hands of every delegate at an early date.

### Central Unties a Knot

Campbeltown local of the S.G.G.A. wants a site for weigh scales. A lease was drawn up in the name of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, and signed by the officers of the local. This caused trouble with the Canadian National Railway officials, and Central was appealed to for assistance. The matter was straightened out with the railway company, and a new lease was drafted in the name of the local, which is to have its site. To avoid similar complications other locals should note.

### Naseby for Prohibition Plebiscite

Naseby local passed the following resolutions at the November meeting of the members, viz:

1 "That owing to the utter failure of our present prohibition laws, the government be asked to take a plebiscite of the people of this province, with the object of establishing a system of government liquor control."

2 "That all Victory Bonds be subject to taxation."

### Invergordon Should be a Magnet

Invergordon is the name of another new local organized at that point with ten members as a starting point. Everyone knows the drawing power of a magnet. It is up to these ten to act as the magnet to the rest of the farming community, so that they may number many times ten by the close of the year; and they can do it.

David Sutherland is secretary, Lewis Horley, president, and Walter Restorick, vice-president, of the new local.

### New Local at Driver

A new local has just been organized in the Driver district under the name of Glen Loney G.G.A., with Frank Lacy as secretary. The initial membership is sixteen. The necessary literature and supplies have been forwarded by the Central office, and it is hoped to see a large increase in the local before the annual convention takes place.

### Birch Hills on the Map

Coolidge G.G.A. is the name of a new local just organized at Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, with ten members as a nucleus. This, of course, does not exhaust the possibilities of the district, and doubtless a substantial addition to the membership will be made in a short time.

Conrad E. Adams was elected president, David Evans, vice-president; A. E. McLeod, secretary; and John Strain, A. E. McLeod and Julian Jabeng, directors.

### Decided to Do Their Bit

"After hearing some of the facts we all decided to do our bit for the association," so says Mathew Dahl, secretary of the newly-formed Eden Valley G.G.A., in reporting a discussion on, What Benefit Have We Derived from the Grain Growers' Association? The net gathered in 19 members as a nucleus, with a prospect of still more in the near future. This result was due largely, if not entirely, to the efforts of Christ Dahl, who had made a canvass of the neighborhood. The organization meeting took place in the Eden Valley school house, on November 13, and was well attended.

### Kincora to Study Banking

The Kincora G.G.A. is taking up the study of banking, and no doubt its members will be well posted on the subject by the time the annual convention comes round. An analysis of The Bank Act, and stories of the British Co-operative Wholesale Societies Bank and Australian Commonwealth Bank have been sent them for study.

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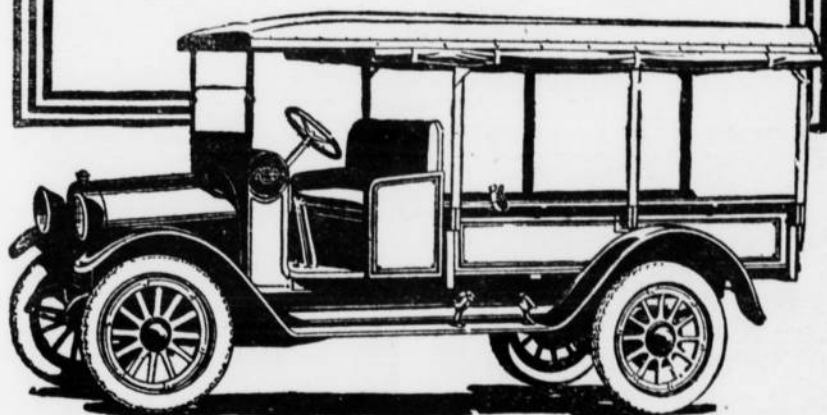
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### Council of Agriculture Meets

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confers upon the existing banks the sole right to circulate currency and the right to issue bank notes, which right in some other Anglo-Saxon countries has been wholly or partially withdrawn.

"And, whereas, it is in the public interest that the greatest possible safeguards should be embodied in legislation looking to the protection of shareholders and depositors, and supplying the needs of the public generally in the conduct of banking business,

"And, whereas, banking reform in other countries has frequently been preceded by an impartial and thorough investigation of the whole question;

#### Commission of Enquiry

"Therefore be it resolved that the Canadian Council of Agriculture go on record as favoring the appointment of a royal commission to enquire generally into the whole question of the Canadian banking system in the light of the experience of other Anglo-Saxon countries, with a view to improvements that will protect the public against the dangers of centralization and the power that will inherently develop through the operation of the special privileges at present enjoyed by the banks; and more particularly that such a commission should enquire into and report upon; (a) the advisability of creating one or more banks in Canada; combining the best features of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and the Federal Reserve Banks of the U.S.; (b) taking out of the hands of the chartered banks the power of issue and confining that power solely to the National Banks or to a Department of Government itself, this to be done in a manner that will give a fair opportunity to existing banks to adjust themselves to the new conditions; (c) enquire into the advisability of amending our existing legislation to permit the establishment of small banks with local capital serving local needs; (d) to report on the best methods of federal supervision and inspection.

"That such a commission should be appointed at as early a date as possible, and should be composed of three impartial men, one an economist of standing and repute in Canada, one a man with banking experience but without present banking affiliation, and one of standing in the commercial life of the country but not a bank director."

#### Amendment to Income Tax

After an investigation into the income tax systems of various countries, as affecting farmers, a special committee of the council recommended amendment of the Income Tax Act to provide for an averaging system, such as obtains in England and as the farmers in Australia are asking for. The resolution which was adopted by the council reads:

"That the Dominion government be requested to amend the Income Tax Act to provide for the introduction of an averaging system, so that a taxpayer whose income fluctuates from year to year will pay the same amount of income tax in a given number of years as another taxpayer with a fixed annual income totalling the same amount, in the same period."

James Robinson, late director of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company and now with the Board of Grain Commissioners, gave an interesting talk to the council of the subject of the grading of wheat out of private and public terminal elevators.

#### Hog Grading

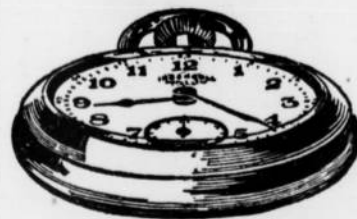
C. Rice-Jones called the attention of

the council to the unsatisfactory working of the recently established regulations for the grading of hogs, and a resolution was passed asking for an increase of the maximum weight for select bacon hogs from 210 to 220 pounds and the establishment of a new grade for good bacon hogs weighing from 220 to 250 pounds, to be classed as heavy selects at a premium of 5 per cent. The council also went on record as favoring a system of outward grading of bacon from packing plants.

The following delegates were present: R. McKenzie, honorary president; H. W. Wood, president; C. H. Burnell, vice-president; W. R. Wood, A. J. M. Poole, Mrs. James Elliott and Miss M. E. Finch, representing the United Farmers of Manitoba; J. A. Maharg, A. J. MacPhail, George Edwards, Mrs. J. McNaughton and C. W. M. Emery, representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; S. S. Sears, George Bevington and H. E. G. H. Scholefield, representing the United Farmers of Alberta; M. H. Staples, representing the United Farmers of Ontario; Hon. George Langley, J. B. Musselman, H. Fleming and A. G. Hawkes, representing the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. Ltd.; Hon. T. A. Crerar, C. Rice-Jones, John Kennedy and J. J. McLellan, representing the United Grain Growers Ltd.; G. F. Chipman, J. T. Hull, Miss A. J. Roe, representing The Grain Growers' Guide; J. W. Ward, secretary.



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## A Man Who Made a Mouse Trap

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### The King of Fruits

The advance in plum culture in the last dozen years is understandable because we have a hardy native on which to improve, but what about the apple which is not native here? One despairs of getting people to size up the possibilities who have not seen A. P. Stevenson's orchard at Morden, Manitoba; crab apple trees forty years old and still bearing heavily; standard apples 3½ inches in diameter picked from trees that have been bearing a dozen years; fifteen varieties bearing heavily and withstanding the winters successfully out of the 80 hardy varieties tested.

And why shouldn't we grow apples successfully on the prairies. The large white autumn apple known as the Antonovka has been the basis of a commercial apple industry for a century in a Russian province (in latitude 55) where temperatures of 51 below zero have been recorded. Dr. Hansen says that the Siberian crab has been probably 4,000 years in the process of acclimatization at Irkutsk on the shores of Lake Baikal where the temperature, rainfall and elevation (an important factor in ripening fruit) are the same as at Saskatoon. I asked Dr. Hansen if it would be safe to say that apples will grow as far north as corn, and he said that was understating the case, that standard apples would eventually be grown successfully where the inhospitality of the climate would make a dwarf of corn, and that improved crabs should be even now widely grown throughout all of these three provinces.

Now the area in which standard apples can be successfully grown at the present time is strictly limited to southern Manitoba. There is work under way which makes us anticipate rewriting these lines but if we make haste slowly there will be less slipping back.

Dr. Saunders brought the Siberian crab to Canada in 1887, and since that time it has proven hardy as a rock all over western Canada. Andrew Anderson grows crabs at Alsask, where they

haven't been boasting much about their wheat lately; Dr. Seager Wheeler picked them in 1922 on what had been a wheat field in 1919—significant change; Norman Ross grows them as well as standard apples at Indian Head, and W. J. Boughen has graduated from the Siberian crab class long ago at Valley River.

The weather men tell us that January in Valley River is only four degrees harder on trees than January in Morden, and that the September sun is only four degrees hotter at the latter place, so that somewhere in this 150 miles lies the northern limit of the varieties of standard apples we now have. In 1922, for the first time in his experience, Mr. Boughen ripened what is believed to be Antonovka apples, the farthest north that standard apples have ever been grown in the interior of the North American continent. He is growing several varieties of standard apples which survive the winters perfectly that have not yet fruited. It may be that scions of Hibernals, say, shipped from this northern extreme to districts along the northern fringe of successful Hibernals culture, may prove hardier than Hibernals grown further south. On this point there may be disagreement.

### Natural and Controlled Crosses

However that may be, Valley River unfailingly does produce an innumerable variety of crabs. Besides the Siberian crab, Mr. Boughen has several hundred trees from seed obtained from Ottawa which represent natural crosses between this hardy Russian and the various standard apples grown on the central experimental farm. Bees did the work of pollination and the secret of the pedigree remains in their keeping. It is sufficient to know that at least two of them are moderately large, of pleasant taste, a decided improvement over the astringent Siberian crab, and seem worthy of naming and distribution. So far Mr. Boughen simply designates them as "edible crabs."

Dr. Saunders made about 800 controlled crosses between the Siberian crab and standard apples in 1895, and succeeding years. Eighteen of these have been selected out as desirable varieties and all of those preserved are said to be as hardy as the Siberian crab although it is doubtful if they will grow on the prairie without protection as Mr. Macoun, Dominion horticulturist, says the latter will. Mr. Boughen grows nearly all the Saunders hybrids and values some of them highly for general prairie distribution.

Second crosses have been made between these hybrids and standard apples, several of them being well over two inches in diameter. There is every reason to hope that the hardness of the parent crab can be retained through successive crosses and some day united with the eating qualities of the commercial apples of the east.

Most encouraging of all is Mr. Boughen's success with the Transcendent crab. Ontario growers think well enough of this variety to give it a place in their orchards. Westerners think well enough of it to buy car loads every fall. Not only is it hardy and fruiting heavily at Valley River, but Prof. Roberts of Manitoba University says it is so hardy that it should be used instead of the Siberian crab to introduce the element of hardness in hybridization.

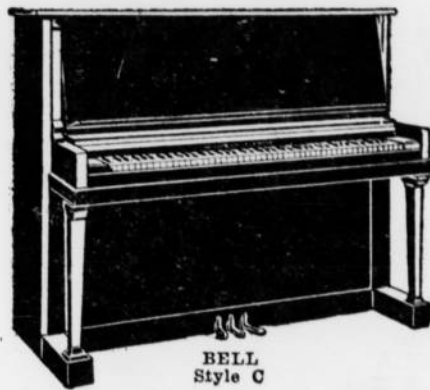
### The Transcendent

To use the Transcendent as the hardy parent in hybridization is chiefly a gain in time, for it is not a true crab but is itself a hybrid between the Russian crab and a standard apple with eighty years record of performance behind it. It should in fairness be observed that the Transcendent is subject to fire blight, a bacterial disease which will appear even on the cleanest stock grown in isolated localities, for it is probably carried on the wild hawthorn which flourishes over most of the west.

Space does not permit me to tell of Mr. Boughen's work with small fruits, no less arresting in its significance than the foregoing. His employment by the Dominion government as horticultural explorer has taken him into the remotest districts north of the great waterways. Dr. Hansen has sought his company for the concluding stages of his circumpolar horticultural explorations. Mr.

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matched in varied wholesomeness and children will live and learn and laugh in such homes bound by ties which the drab surroundings too common today are powerless to create. Wheat?—yes, we will always grow wheat, getting no less of it than now, and missing it not half so much when seasons are unfavorable.

## Delaney's Christmas

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it's a funny thing, but this is the first time I ever helped choose the presents. Always said I hadn't time and let the missus get the stuff, but believe me! Pat, I never knew what fun it was before. Makes Christmas last a week instead of a day."

So the long list was mailed and the great day drew nearer. By this time Pat was so interested he could hardly wait till the children arrived. He felt sure they'd be happy with him and indeed they were.

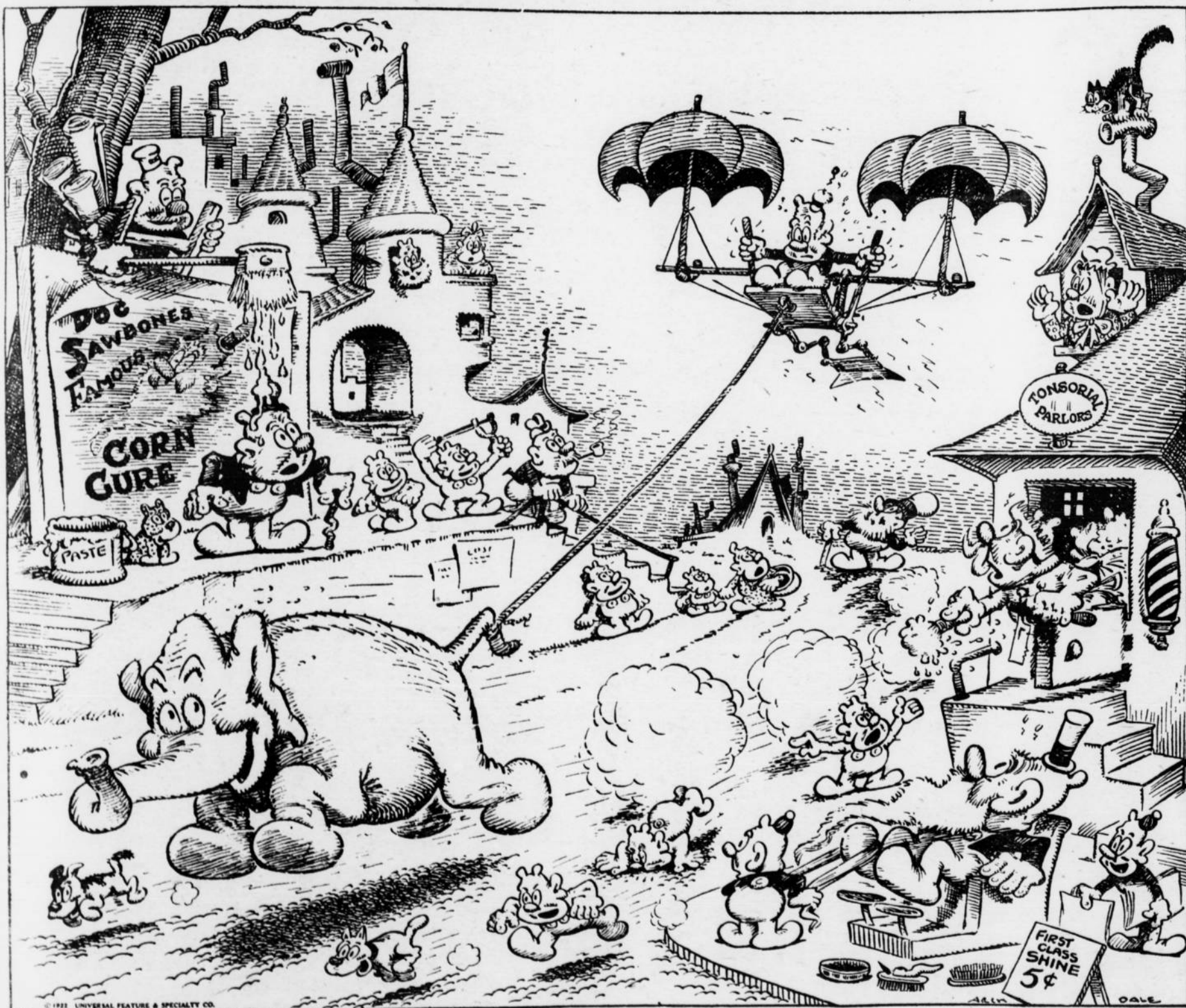
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### NICHOLAS NUTT'S GLIDER

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WHEAT—Trading on the local market reduced in volume since the end of November. Producer has not forced sales on a declining cash market, but the amounts offering were equal to the demand, which has been rather poor. Exporters report little interest from overseas during the past week, and Liverpool market showing a steady decline from day to day. Shipments have been very heavy, stocks at the lake terminals having been reduced from 21,813,000 to 9,593,000 bushels at the last report; this having been attributed to shipments for winter storage at the eastern end of the lakes. Receipts from the country are falling away considerably with the advent of severe wintry weather and no doubt the peak of the movement of this year's crop has been passed. It is estimated that considerably more than two-thirds of the crop has been marketed by the producer. Markets will continue to be influenced by Argentine crop prospects and general world conditions, but with heavy selling pressure removed from Canadian markets prices here could work much more into line with prices prevailing in southern markets without exciting much comment. Conditions at the moment, however, do not suggest much change in value in the immediate future on account of the lack of interest in prices existing just now, the market here having assumed somewhat of a holiday aspect.

OATS—Dull market with narrow fluctuations from day to day and very little new business being done. Only fair cash demand.

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| Dec. 4 to 9 inclusive | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | Ago | Year |  |
| Wheat—                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
| Dec. 103              | 102 | 103 | 104 | 104 | 106 | 104 | 105 |      |  |
| May 106               | 106 | 107 | 107 | 108 | 110 | 107 | 109 |      |  |
| July 105              | 105 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 108 | 106 | 106 |      |  |
| Oats—                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
| Dec. 42               | 42  | 43  | 42  | 42  | 44  | 42  | 42  |      |  |
| May 45                | 46  | 46  | 46  | 46  | 47  | 45  | 44  |      |  |
| July 44               | 45  | 45  | 45  | 45  | 46  | 45  | 45  |      |  |
| Barley—               |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
| Dec. 53               | 53  | 54  | 54  | 54  | 55  | 54  | 55  |      |  |
| May 56                | 57  | 57  | 57  | 57  | 58  | 57  | 58  |      |  |
| July 57               | 57  | 57  | 57  | 57  | 57  | 57  | 57  |      |  |
| Flax—                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
| Dec. 194              | 195 | 196 | 197 | 198 | 202 | 194 | 169 |      |  |
| May 197               | 197 | 197 | 199 | 200 | 205 | 196 | 177 |      |  |
| July 195              | 196 | 198 | 198 | 199 | 206 | 195 | 177 |      |  |
| Rye—                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
| Dec. 78               | 79  | 80  | 80  | 80  | 82  | 78  | 88  |      |  |
| May 81                | 82  | 83  | 83  | 83  | 85  | 81  | 81  |      |  |
| July 81               | 81  | 82  | 83  | 82  | 83  | 81  | 81  |      |  |

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Receipts this week: Cattle 7,404; hogs 6,707; sheep 659. Last week: Cattle 5,694; hogs 4,876; sheep 1,136.

The advance in cattle prices during the past two weeks has brought forward a heavy run, the most of which were shipped by drovers and on which a very handsome profit was realized. Feeder and stocker steers continue to sell steadily with last week's quotations. Butcher cattle sold steady with last week up to Friday, when the demand was weaker and prices correspondingly lower. Not more than 25c per hundred was taken off butcher cattle, and this only on the plainer kind. Good cattle continue to sell strong with top steers from 5½c to 6c per lb.; top heifers from 4½c to 5½c per lb. and top cows from 3½c to 4½c per lb. Next week is certain to bring a keen demand for choice light-weight stuff for the Christmas trade and farmers who reach this market with such classes will be agreeably surprised at the keen demand and satisfactory prices prevailing. Calves are selling under a better demand with light veals from 5c to 6c per lb., and heavy fat calves from 4c to 5c per lb. with thin calves and heavy bull calves from 3c to 3½c per lb.

#### Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, December 4 to December 9, inclusive

| Date   | WHEAT | 2 CW | 3 CW | OATS | 1 Fd | 2 Fd | 3 CW | 4 CW | Rej. | Fd  | 1 NW | 2 CW | 3 CW | RYE |
|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|
| Dec. 4 | 76½   | 45½  | 40½  | 40½  | 37½  | 34½  | 52½  | 49   | 44   | 44  | 203½ | 197½ | 154½ | 79  |
| 5      | 75½   | 46½  | 41½  | 41½  | 38   | 35½  | 53½  | 49½  | 44½  | 44½ | 203  | 197  | 155  | 80  |
| 6      | 76½   | 46½  | 41½  | 41½  | 38½  | 35½  | 54   | 49½  | 44½  | 44½ | 201½ | 196½ | 166½ | 81½ |
| 7      | 76½   | 45½  | 40½  | 40½  | 37½  | 35½  | 54   | 49½  | 44½  | 44½ | 197½ | 193  | 157  | 80½ |
| 8      | 76½   | 45½  | 40½  | 40½  | 37½  | 35½  | 54   | 49½  | 44½  | 44½ | 199  | 194  | 158  | 80½ |
| 9      | 76½   | 46½  | 41½  | 41½  | 39½  | 36½  | 55   | 50½  | 45½  | 45½ | 204  | 198  | 162  | 82  |
| Week   |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |     |
| Ago    | 77½   | 46½  | 41½  | 41½  | 37½  | 34½  | 54   | 49½  | 44½  | 44½ | 201½ | 194½ | 154½ | 78½ |
| Year   |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |     |
| Ago    | 67½   | 42½  | 39½  | 39½  | 37½  | 34½  | 55½  | 50½  | 39½  | 39½ | 169  | 165  | 139  | 88½ |

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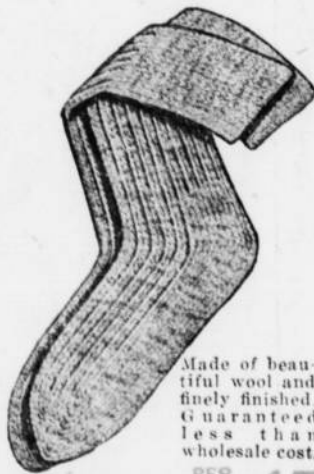
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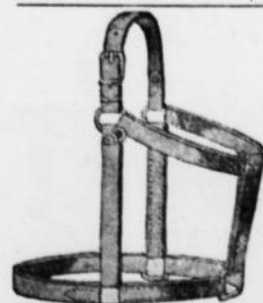
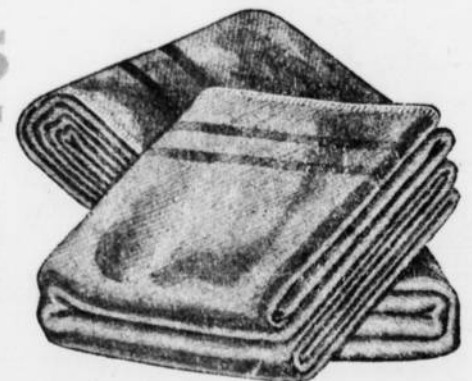


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